

Strauss backs Begin on Camp David as sole basis for autonomy talks

By ANAN SAFADI
Post Middle East Editor

Prime Minister Menachem Begin's insistence that the autonomy talks adhere strictly to the provisions laid down in the Camp David peace agreements yesterday won the support of U.S. presidential Middle East envoy Robert Strauss. This follows Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's support for Begin's position at the Haifa summit last week.

Egypt had previously tried to broaden the Camp David accord to include "working papers" aimed at interpreting the autonomy offered to the West Bank and Gaza as full-fledged self-rule applying to the territories themselves and not only the inhabitants as stipulated in the Camp David agreements.

The U.S., for its part, had sought to expand the same agreements even more radically by proposing a new UN Security Council resolution. The proposal was vetoed by both Israel and Egypt.

Winning both the U.S. and Egypt's endorsement of the Camp David accord as the sole basis for the autonomy negotiations was seen as a clear political victory for Begin.

by U.S. ambassador Samuel Lewis and Begin's aide, Yehuda Avner.

Strauss arrived in Jerusalem yesterday after two days of talks in Cairo. He said his mission was to find out personally from both Sadat and Begin the outcome of their summit in Haifa last week, and explore ways for moving the peace process forward.

The American diplomat said that while in Cairo he had spent nearly two days with "Israel's good friend and Mr. Begin's strong ally, President Anwar Sadat," and that he heard only positive things about the Haifa meet.

He added that in his meetings with Egyptian officials, he had explored the "room for manoeuvre" on those key issues holding back implementation of the West Bank and Gaza autonomy.

Despite his pledge in Cairo to shift the autonomy talks "into second gear," Strauss was reported as having told Begin that there was no need to rush forward and the talks should evolve gradually.

Strauss had earlier yesterday met for about an hour with Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who heads Israel's autonomy negotiating team. The American envoy is due to confer today with the entire team.

Commenting on reports that Strauss would suggest discussing a number of highly sensitive issues, including Israel's troop redeployment in the territories, Burg yesterday

cautioned that "arrangements pertaining to the security of Israel will be made by Israel, and there is no partner to arrangements we see as a matter of our life." He added that talk of discussing the future of East Jerusalem too was "not up for negotiation. This is a united city, the eternal capital of Israel. Like any other capital in the world it cannot be divided."

On greeting Strauss at Ben-Gurion Airport, Burg pledged that Israel would beat next May's deadline for a settlement of the autonomy issue. "We have no intention of waiting to the last day of the eight months that are left to complete the negotiations," he said.

The Israel-Egyptian working groups tackling approaches to the autonomy are today due to wrap up a four-day conference in Herzliya during which they discussed the mechanism of elections and the powers of the projected West Bank and Gaza administration. The conference, held at the Dan Acadia hotel, is to be followed by a plenary session of the ministerial negotiating team in Alexandria on September 25.

Israel's chief delegate to the working groups, Meir Rosenne, the former Foreign Ministry legal adviser and now ambassador to Paris, yesterday said that substantial progress has been achieved at Herzliya but that not all issues have yet been resolved.

Dayan says Bonn policy has changed for worse

BONN. — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said here yesterday that West Germany's Middle East policy has changed "for the worse."

Winding up a three-day visit, Dayan, who arrived home last night, said he was displeased by West German calls for Palestinian self-determination, but "I don't think German policy toward Israel is a hostile policy."

Speaking at a news conference, he warmly praised Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. "I found in him one of the closest friends we can rely on in Germany."

Dayan also lauded the German position on the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, which Bonn, like Jerusalem and Cairo, looks upon as a first step toward complete peace in the Middle East.

"I think in (West German) foreign relations there is a change we don't like," Dayan told a news conference, referring to Bonn's insistence on the right of Palestinian self-determination.

"We take it as a change for the worse because the European Council never used this word," Dayan said. He charged the Germans were on their own in demanding self-determination for the Palestinians, although he was given to understand during his Bonn talks that this demand was not commensurate with granting the Palestinians their own state.

Dayan cautioned that "right of self-determination" will be interpreted by the Arabs and others as the right to establish a Palestinian state. He said Israel would never agree to this, just as he would never talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Dayan noted that U.S. President Jimmy Carter, in a recent speech, said that Arab leaders he talked to from Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia — were against creation of a Palestinian state.

"Self-determination" does not appear in the Camp David accord," Dayan said, "so it is not just Israel opposing a separate Palestinian state."

Referring to his own recent meetings with Arab leaders in Gaza and the West Bank, Dayan said, "In my own contacts with some of the Palestinian representatives, I didn't find all of them crazy about the establishment of a Palestinian state."

Dayan spoke bluntly about West German involvement in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher recently held talks in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. Former Chancellor Willy Brandt and a leading Liberal Party politician, Juergen Moellmann, have met PLO leader Yasser Arafat. Moellmann called yesterday for further contacts.

In a communique issued last night in Jerusalem, the Foreign Ministry spokesman pointed out that in the course of their talks, the two foreign ministers agreed that the authorized positions of the two governments would be expressed at the dinner tendered by Genscher in honour of Dayan.

At the dinner, the communique says, Genscher expressed his government's position in favour of self-determination for the Palestinians with the consent of the parties involved. But Genscher did not mention the subjects of settlement or the situation in South Lebanon, the communique notes.

Dayan said that "with all due respect" West Germany was an outsider to the conflict. "I don't think it is up to the German government to run Israeli policy or that we should run theirs."

Dayan said the concept of a Palestinian state was absolutely unacceptable to Israel and was completely excluded from present negotiations on the future of the territories. Israel had no intention of negotiating with the PLO as long as it was dedicated to destroying Israel and carrying out attacks on Israeli towns.

Dayan appeared heartened by the German stand on the PLO. "I was state."

Cabinet c'tees in spate of economic steps

Two Cabinet committees yesterday adopted a series of decisions and recommendations on economic matters, which are intended to shore up the Treasury's anti-inflationary policies in the face of contradictory actions by individual ministers concerned with the interests of their own ministries.

One decision, however, which sharply reduces taxes on new construction for housing, is seen as being definitely inflationary in nature, and was adopted with an eye to its effect on a significant and vociferous part of the electorate.

By SHELOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Persons entitled to Housing Ministry aid for buying a flat will get refunds on the value added tax and all other indirect taxes they paid out on their flat, according to a decision taken yesterday by the Ministerial Economic Committee.

The ministerial committee did not decide when the Treasury would start paying out the refunds, nor if the refunds would be retroactive. The committee, convened in the last of a series of meetings dedicated to fighting inflation, decided that all the details of the new measure would be taken care of by the ministers of finance and construction.

Sources close to the ministerial committee said that the refunds would mean that flats would be 20 per cent cheaper for those entitled to government housing aid. But independent economists estimate that the refunds would cut flat prices by only 15 per cent. Industry and Trade Minister Patai demanded that the new provision include a clause under which a person would have to repay the refund if he sells his flat.

Economists estimate that the refunds would cost the Treasury an extra IL1.6 in annual income.

Officials from the Treasury's budgets division present at yesterday's meeting questioned the committee's decision, saying that it was hardly an anti-inflationary move. The officials said that the government cannot at the same time both favour absorbing money from the public and cancel taxes, which means allowing more money to stay in circulation. Replying to this criticism, Finance Minister Ehrlich, Religious Affairs Minister Abuhazzeira and Housing Minister Levy said that the housing shortage is a problem of national importance which must be solved.

Another decision taken by the ministerial committee yesterday was to raise the ceiling on National Insurance Institute premiums. NII premiums are now calculated at 4.8 per cent of income up to a rate double the national average monthly wage (now about IL4,500). Over this ceiling the NII does not levy any further premiums. Acting on a proposal put forward by Labour and Social Affairs Minister Katz, the committee decided to raise the ceiling to two-and-a-half to three times the national average wage, bringing the maximum NII premium up from IL745.90 to about IL1,630 at today's wages.

According to NII figures, 10-12 per cent of the salaries paid out in the (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

Strauss, Bethlehem mayor in surprise talks

By IAN BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. special envoy Robert Strauss held a surprise meeting yesterday with Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, a leading West Bank moderate, for a frank exchange of views on the current Middle East peace process.

In the evening meeting at the American Consulate on Jerusalem's Rehov Agnon, Strauss and Freij, according to U.S. sources, "explored each other's point of view." There was no attempt, the sources stressed, "to recruit the mayor into the autonomy negotiations."

The half-hour meeting — which was arranged at the last minute and at Strauss' personal request — took place because it was "mutually convenient" for the two to meet, the sources said.

Freij told *The Jerusalem Post* afterwards that he had met with Strauss "because it is better to meet with them and tell them what we

want than to remain aloof."

The mayor said he told Strauss "frankly and bluntly" that "autonomy will lead nowhere and the Palestinians cannot accept it because it will mean giving legal approval to Israel's occupation."

Freij also expressed opposition to Israeli settlement activities and attacks on South Lebanon, and said that peace could only come by talking to the PLO. Strauss plans to meet with more Arab leaders on his next visit here, according to Freij.

The encounter with Freij, who is considered pro-Jordanian in the West Bank's political spectrum, was Strauss' second with a leading Arab from the administered territories. Last week, shortly before leaving Washington for his current Middle East trip, the envoy met with Hikmet al-Masri of Nabulus, a former speaker of the Jordanian parliament.

U.S. sources told *The Post* that the

special envoy was "pleased" with his meeting with al-Masri because at least he can say he has met with Palestinians, even if he didn't learn anything new.

Students from the Al-Najah college in Nabulus have distributed leaflets in recent days protesting against the Strauss meeting with al-Masri, who is the chairman of the college's board of governors. The students have complained that al-Masri went to the U.S. to deal with the academic affairs of the college and was not authorized to hold political discussions with U.S. officials.

Al-Masri left for a six-week visit to the U.S. a fortnight ago. He is to meet there with Dr. Ka'id Abdel Haq, the college president.

It is widely believed that al-Masri is one of several prominent West Bank personalities chosen by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan to sound out local Arab opinion on the autonomy scheme.



Heavy security is evident outside Lancaster House in London as police keep demonstrators from cars bringing delegates for the start of the British convened Zimbabwe Rhodesian constitutional conference. Story on Page 4. (UPI telephoto)

Freeze on public sector wage pacts

Post Economic Reporter

From the end of this month the government will not hold any negotiations over labour contracts which are due to expire in March next year, the Ministerial Committee on wages decided yesterday.

The proposal not to hold wage negotiations was made by Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Friedman, who asked the committee to decide on emergency measures to keep essential services functioning if the government's refusal to negotiate higher wages caused a wave of strikes. But the committee did not decide this issue. Finance Minister Patai said it is clear in any event that it is the government's duty to ensure essential services, so there is no need for special decisions on contingency plans.

Friedman, who will apparently not resign as he announced earlier this week, said, "We will face a wave of demands to renegotiate existing labour contracts."

The ministerial committee also decided to institute complete parity between the pay of soldiers in regular service and that of policemen. The policemen will also get all the special fringe benefits given to soldiers in the regular army. Most of the fringe benefits will be included in calculations of policemen's pensions. Another decision was to include the special stand-by increments given to public sector workers in calculations of the cost of living allowances granted to them.

Evron hands Vance Israel's aid request

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel Ambassador Ephraim Evron yesterday formally submitted to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance Israel's \$3.4 billion combined economic and military aid request for next year.

Evron gave Israel's initial explanation for the more than \$1b. increase in requested financial assistance over the figure for the last few years, when Israel sought \$2.3b. in aid.

The U.S. has been approving aid to Israel at the rate of \$1.785b. during this period.

Although the administration will now carefully study the Israeli request, diplomatic observers here anticipate a substantial reduction in the final approved amount, which President Carter will submit to Congress during the next few months.

Shelomo Maoz adds:

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich will today formally present U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis with Israel's request for \$1.85b. in military aid

risen in price by about 20 per cent annually.

Israel's main worry is that it may have to finance its trade deficit by taking short- and medium-term loans. It is arguing that it has to conserve its foreign currency reserves, which stand at a mere \$2.5b. — sufficient for just three months' worth of imports. Within the next two years, Israel will have to start paying some \$320m. annually in interest alone on the aid it is receiving for the redeployment in the Negev.

Israel is further arguing that its imports are not increasing in real terms, and that its growing trade deficit is the result of rising world oil prices. It is pointed out that in the separation of forces agreement with Egypt, the U.S. had undertaken to help cover the cost to Israel of returning the Sinai oilfields, and a further \$1.6b. in civilian aid for the coming fiscal year.

Included in the request is an Israeli pledge to improve its balance of payments situation and reduce private consumption. Israel further acknowledges that the steps taken in (Continued on page 2, col. 6)

Rumanian emissary meets Sadat

CAIRO (UPI). — Rumanian emissary Vasile Pungum met yesterday with President Anwar Sadat here, officials said. But they would not disclose the content of the meeting or whether the Rumanian official brought Sadat a message from Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Pungum met Israel's premier, Menachem Begin, on August 31. At the time there was speculation that he conveyed a message to Begin from Syrian leader Hafez Assad through Ceausescu, or that he reported on Ceausescu's recent meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat. Pungum is one of Ceausescu's closest aides.

IDF employees threaten airbases

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The union of IDF workers yesterday threatened to prevent American contractors from building two Negev airbases because of what it called discrimination against Israeli workers and companies.

In a press release issued here yesterday, the union objected to the planned import of 3,000 Thai and Portuguese Workers and British foremen as long as there are Israelis to do the work. So far only 200 Israelis have been hired and the Americans are planning to employ only 500 more, it added.

American and Israeli government sources told *The Jerusalem Post* Israel does not have the manpower to undertake the speedy construction of the two bases, a third at Tel Malhata, and the roads, fortifications and living quarters for soldiers' families.

The 3,000 foreign workers are needed to complete the bases' construction by 1981, when the IDF withdraws to the international boundary, they said.

Baruch Haklai, the director of the Employment Service, noted that in-

dustry is already short of 5,000-6,000 workers.

"We know for sure that especially during the second half of 1980 we will need 5,000 workers for fortifications and the construction of the third airbase," he added.

"Thousands of construction workers are needed to build homes, Haklai said. "We're facing difficult problems of getting workers without harming industry," he added.

Therefore the Americans will be allowed to hire only unemployed Israeli professionals, several telephone operators, secretaries and security officers, he said.

The union also said that a preliminary enquiry had shown that the terms of employment for the imported labour are inferior to those required by the wage agreements in their home countries. That is a violation of international charters, it said.

The union "will not be able to permit them to work in Israel under these conditions," it said.

Asked why workers would come to Israel if they can make more money at home, a spokesman for the union speculated the Portuguese may not find work at home.

Haklai said the government wants

to relieve the American contractors from having to abide by laws restricting working hours and women's work. But, he stressed, "we will not allow any violation of our charter."

The union complained that the American contractors were reportedly paying their Israeli employees money which should be set aside for severance pay and other special payments. Some of that money should be invested in a pension fund, it said.

Its announcement also claimed that the American companies were excluding Israeli suppliers and subcontractors by presenting American specifications in their tenders and limiting the time the companies had to put in their bids.

A producer of workers' kitchens had been prevented from participating in a tender because he had only three days to present his bid, the union charged.

A source at the Defence Ministry told *The Post* the American firms had underbid Israeli companies.

American sources here denied any intention to exclude anyone. "We do things a little differently from most of Israel's companies," a source explained.

U.S. hits non-aligned statement on Zionism

WASHINGTON (JTA). — The Carter Administration yesterday "repudiated entirely" the declaration in Havana of the non-aligned nations that equated Zionism with racism.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter voiced the repudiation in response to a reporter's remark that his comment on Monday on the declaration did not explicitly cover that element.

His original comment was that the U.S. "profoundly disagrees" with elements in the declaration and he singled out the attack on Egypt while saying that the U.S. record indicates how it stand on other parts.

Armenians, rightists clash in Beirut; 19 reported slain

BEIRUT (AP). — At least 19 persons were reported killed and scores injured in 24 hours of armed clashes between rightist gunmen and Armenian militiamen in Beirut's Christian sector, security sources reported yesterday.

One source said the dead included 13 Armenians and six right-wing Christian militiamen of the Phalange and National Liberal parties.

An Armenian party official, who refused to be identified, said rightist militiamen had kidnapped about 50 Armenians since the outbreak of hostilities on Monday evening.

The rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station, organ of the Phalange Party, said only three persons — one Phalangist and two Armenians — have been killed.

Security sources and Armenian officials said the clash was still continuing between the Armenians and Phalangist militiamen in the Armenian residential area of Bourj Mammond.

The Armenians accused the Phalangists of "organized provocation" when they invaded our area Monday evening with three jeeps loaded with militiamen and 50-calibre machineguns.

The Phalangists fielded the largest Christian militia during Lebanon's 1975-78 civil war against Palestinians and leftist Moslems. They resent Armenian neutrality during the sectarian strife.

The Armenians, also Christians, maintain friendly relations with all the Lebanese communities. They continue to live in the country's two sectors, the Christian enclave and the predominantly Moslem sector of Beirut.

Mubarak sure Jordan will join the talks

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak predicted yesterday that Jordan will join the West Bank autonomy talks once methods have been decided for elections in the area.

Mubarak, speaking to reporters after a one-hour meeting with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, said "President Sadat is very optimistic that Jordan will join the talks when we establish the modalities for full autonomy. I think the president is right." Mubarak's visit to the U.S. is ostensibly a private one, but he saw Vance yesterday and will possibly see President Carter before he leaves Washington.

EEC ministers stall on PLO recognition

DUBLIN (Reuters). — European Common Market foreign ministers yesterday avoided taking any decision on whether to move closer to recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization.

They did, however, issue a statement on Lebanon interpreted by diplomats here as a call to Israel not to violate the country's integrity.

Meeting in Dublin to discuss international political cooperation between them, the ministers issued another statement giving their moral support for Britain's efforts at the London conference on Zimbabwe Rhodesia, and they decided to ask the Chilean government for information on missing people in the South American country.

Jordan now advertises travel via Amman to Israel, not the Holy Land

By BARUCH SAVILE
Post Travel Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jordan is renewing its efforts to increase tourism — to Israel. Alla, the Jordanian national airline, which last year brought some 80,000 tourists here, via Amman, has now embarked on an ambitious programme in the U.S.

For the first time, brochures published by Alla in New York promote travel to Israel — not the Holy Land, as in the past. Entry into Israel is over the Allenby bridge, on the Jordan River.

The Jordanian government, meanwhile, has dropped the "previous requirement of a two-day stay in Amman in an effort to attract

an additional 50,000 U.S. tourists this year.

Although this "back-door" tourism has been welcomed by tourism officials here, traffic on the airlines operating to Israel directly has been affected. Such competition could reach serious proportions due to higher under-the-counter commissions paid to agents using the Jordanian airline.

Alla will now also benefit from a recently signed new aviation agreement between Jordan and the Netherlands. This concerns the transfer in Amsterdam of U.S. passengers from KLM to onward flights to Amman.

10-year terms for El Al plot

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two West German leftists who plotted to shoot down an El Al airliner in Nairobi with missiles in January 1976 were each sentenced to 10 years in prison by a military court in Lod yesterday.

Brigitte Schulz and Thomas Reuter were tried in camera in proceedings which lasted for over a year.

Officials here yesterday would not confirm that the verdict and sentence had been handed down, for security reasons.

A representative of the West German embassy and a representative of the International Red Cross were present at the hearing.

The two terrorists admitted some of the charges and got other charges dropped in a process of plea bargaining. The 10-year sentences date from their detention in 1976.

Three Arabs were also seized at the time in Nairobi and brought here. The defendants' families have been waging a campaign on their behalf in Germany, alleging several abuses against their children. They gave a press conference while Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was in Bonn to draw attention to their allegations.

The Israel Embassy in Bonn said six months ago in a public statement that the five detainees had tried to rocket an El Al plane while it was landing at an airport outside Israel.

Kosygin pledges aid to Marxist Ethiopia

NAIROBI (AP). — Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin said the Soviet Union seeks to intensify its support for Marxist Ethiopia, official Ethiopian news media reported yesterday.

The government radio in Addis Ababa said Kosygin and Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam conferred for over two hours yesterday. The broadcast, monitored in Nairobi, said the talks centred on bilateral matters and international affairs.

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Big Netanya blaze

NETANYA (Hilim). — A giant blaze at Mivtuyot Netanya, a large cotton mill, caused hundreds of thousands of pounds of damage last night. Bales of cotton were destroyed in the fire. Machinery was also damaged, and the fire spread to an adjacent factory.

Firefighters brought the blaze under control, but were still taking final steps late last night.

Angolan president dies in Moscow

MOSCOW (UPI). — Angolan President Agostinho Neto, the physician-poet who used Soviet arms and Cuban troops to win a four-year civil war that broke Portugal's colonial rule, died in Moscow after surgery, it was announced yesterday.

In Luanda, Angola, the official radio said Neto died on Monday afternoon. The announcement was followed by two minutes of silent tribute. The pollburo of Neto's ruling party decreed a 45-day mourning period following the death of the nation's first president.

Neto, who arrived in Moscow on September 6, was in poor health for years and diplomats said he died after undergoing surgery for cancer, a week short of his 57th birthday. Radio Luanda said Neto died "after a prolonged illness and despite surgical intervention."

The mid-mannered, bespectacled revolutionary made several trips in recent years to the Soviet Union, with whom he kept close relations, and also travelled to Cuba three times since 1976.

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HOME NEWS

Knesset body split on Beduin land take-over

By ABNER WALLFISH, Post Knesset Reporter. The Knesset subcommittee preparing the law about expropriation of Beduin lands in the Negev for two new military airfields was deadlocked yesterday over how much land should be confiscated.

The Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee subcommittee could not agree whether 167,000 dunam or 167,000 dunam should be taken over, so the final decision will be left to the full committee.

Subcommittee chairman Zerah Warhaftig (National Religious Party) and Meir Talmi (Alignment-Mapam) said that 167,000 dunam were enough to build the two fields required because of the withdrawal from Sinai, as well as for alternate housing for the evacuated Beduin tribesmen.

special law now under preparation for its second reading. Next week, the subcommittee will discuss the rate of compensation to be given to the evacuated tribesmen.

Warhaftig leaves next week to attend the United Nations General Assembly as a parliamentary adviser to the Israeli delegation. His place as chairman of the subcommittee will be taken by Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP), who has made it known he will get the law through as fast as possible, and is quite likely to toe the government line.

In the subcommittee, there was general agreement that appeals would be allowed for a period of three years rather than one year after the expropriation. It was also agreed, with the consent of Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, that the government would not be able to ask for further areas beyond those specified in the law, without coming to the Knesset plenum and tabling an amendment in the ordinary way.

Ananda Marg leader in Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter. P.R. Sarkar, leader and founder of the controversial Indian-based Ananda Marg movement, arrived yesterday in Israel for a short visit. He was greeted at Ben-Gurion Airport by a dancing group of about 20 of his Israeli followers.

The movement hit international headlines last year when some members attacked Indian diplomats and missions out of India in a campaign to free Sarkar. Several have been convicted in Britain and Thailand.

Bloody massacre of Afghan minority tribe described

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP). — Afghan government troops recently massacred Hazarah tribesmen, members of a racial and religious minority in the landlocked central Asian country, Afghan and foreign diplomatic sources said.

minority who have traditionally suffered discrimination in Afghanistan, an area specialist said. The 1.5 million Hazarahs are Shi'a Muslims with Mongolian features, unlike most Afghans who adhere to the Sunni branch of Islam and are Mediterranean in appearance.

"Hazarahs have been lined up against walls and gunned down by soldiers simply because their village was believed to have fed or harboured rebels," said an informed source, quoting eye-witnesses. Thousands were believed to have been massacred in this manner, the sources said.

Hazarah-dominated Bamian province, west of Kabul, remained aloof from the insurgency until July when a number of Hazarah Shi'a leaders were arrested by the Afghan secret police, sources said. The arrests followed an incident last July in which 150 people were killed after six Hazarahs carrying green Moslem flags opened fire on a Kabul bazaar road.

Frederic upgraded to hurricane status

MIAMI (Reuters). — Hurricane Frederic, officially upgraded from a severe tropical storm, gathered strength over the Gulf of Mexico yesterday after raking Cuba with high winds and heavy rains.

Dogged policeman gets his men

FRANKFURT (UPI). — A Frankfurt police detective, hiding under a park bench during a stake-out, showed "unflinching sense of duty" by remaining still when a passing dog lifted his leg on him, police said yesterday.

Judges appointment

President Yitzhak Navon on Monday appointed Yehuda Abramowitz, Arye Even-Ari, and Uri Shtruzman as district court judges, and Ruth Sternberg-Ellias and Reuven Gligi as magistrate's court judges.

Octuplet weighs kilo

NAPLES, Italy (AP). — Silvana, one of the two surviving octuplets born to Pasqualina Chinese on August 16, reached one kilogram yesterday and attending physicians at San Paolo Hospital for the first time expressed cautious satisfaction.

28 injured in fire on New York subway

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Twenty-eight people were injured on Monday night when fire broke out on one of the city's subways, trapping about 1,000 people for two hours.

'1+1=3' wins film festival grand prize

MONTREAL (Reuters). — An offbeat West German film on a single woman's decision to have a child won the Grand Prize of the Americas in the 11-day, third annual World Film Festival which ended here yesterday.



Major Sa'ad Haddad, commander of the Christian militias in Southern Lebanon, poses with a trio of Metalla old-timers, invited to attend the opening of the new "Voice of Hope" radio station near Marjayoun.

Syria crisis means solution needed soon to problem of Lebanon, Allon says

Jerusalem Post Reporter. OR AKIVA. — Yigal Allon, the Alignment's former foreign minister, said here last night that Syria's domestic crisis had brought closer the time for a political solution to the problem of Lebanon.

force in Lebanon. The Syrians should go home, he said. Allon said that the Beirut government should be allowed to exercise its full sovereignty over all the country, including the south, on condition that the PLO dismantled all its bases in the south and withdrew its men to the north.

DAYAN ON BONN POLICY

(Continued from page 1) told it is not in Bonn's interest to allow the PLO to open up an office. It was informed West Germany will not have official relations with the PLO. I noted this and I take it we can rely on this assurance. I was told it by the most responsible authorities.

out the relationship with Israel for more oil or for better prices of oil," he said. A West German communique published after the first meeting with Dayan on Monday night said Schmidt emphasized the importance of the Camp David accord, and promised a German share in reaching a comprehensive, lasting and just peace in the Middle East.

Asked about the subjects of his two-hour talk with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt yesterday morning, Dayan said Schmidt insisted that the two have breakfast alone together, "so don't expect me to give details about the subjects discussed at this meeting."

Dayan told reporters that West German leaders did not raise the question of Israeli settlements in occupied territories or Israel strikes on terrorist bases in Lebanon. But official sources here contradicted this, saying that Israeli settlements and strikes on Lebanon were in fact extensively discussed during the visit.

Israeli and German media have pointed to the repeated postponement of the visit as a sign of deteriorating relations between the two countries as Bonn is faced with rising Arab oil prices.

Official sources reacted swiftly to Dayan's assertions that the position outlined to him during his talks here represented a change in West German policy. The sources said Bonn's determination was nothing new and said it was the declared policy of the nine-nation European Economic Community. (AP, Reuters, UPI)

Yom Kippur War dead buried

Three soldiers of the armored corps who were killed during the first days of the Yom Kippur War trying to defend the Mezah stronghold on the Suez Canal were buried yesterday with full military honours in three separate cemeteries.

Devora and his crew damaged two Egyptian tanks before they were hit. Devora was mortally wounded and returned to the Mezah stronghold where he lived for another two days.

The three soldiers, Samal Moshe Devora of Ramle, Samal Albert Dahan of Moahav Safuta and Samal Yitzhak Mills of Tirat Hacarmel, had been listed as missing until Sunday when it was announced that their bodies, lost for many years in the area in which they had been killed, were identified.

Samal Moshe Devora was buried in the Ramle military cemetery. He was eulogized by the commander of his unit. At the height of the fighting around their stronghold Devora had volunteered for a sally with a single tank against the Egyptian forces.

Another of the Mezah defenders, Ray-Tural Moshe Yitzhak Tuval, will be buried at 4 p.m. today in the military section of the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. (Itim)

EVRON

(Continued from page 1) recent years to improve its economy have been inadequate and that sterner measures will have to be taken in the future.

ECONOMIC

(Continued from page 1) country are over the maximum premium ceiling of double the average wage, compared to 6 per cent three years ago.

The request includes some alarming figures relating to the proportion owed to the U.S. of Israel's total foreign debt. This came to some 40 per cent this year, compared with just 26 per cent in 1973, and is likely to reach 45 per cent in 1981. Total foreign aid to Israel this year came to some \$3.6b.

Another proposal of Katz's which was accepted by the committee was to raise the linkage on income tax brackets from the present 70 per cent of the rise in the cost-of-living to 100 per cent, starting from April 1980.

The U.S. is expected to seek further clarifications after the request has been studied. These will be raised during talks scheduled to take place in the U.S. next month.

The committee also decided to consider a further IL6b. cut in the budget beyond the IL5b. cut already decided upon. This cut would not affect housing budgets. Deputy Minister Yoram Aridor proposed cutting an additional IL10b. but the committee decided to forward this proposal to the cabinet plenum.

Yemen ups army service

SANAA (Reuters). — North Yemen has introduced two-year national military service for men over the age of 18.

A republican decree issued on Sunday said the service would be cut to one year for university students and those who complete secondary education.

S. African soldiers die in crash during raid

PRETORIA (UPI). — Defence headquarters said yesterday that three men died when their air force plane crashed during an attack on South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) guerrilla bases along the Namibia-Angola border.

A defence force spokesman said he had no further comment on the crash and refused to say what type of aircraft it was, if it had been shot down or if it had crashed in Namibia or Angola.

STUDENT LABOUR

Some 2,184 students applied for work at labour exchanges in July, compared with 1,206 in July last year. Of these, 990 were provided with work, compared with 923 last year. Most (998) found some kind of professional work, 153 were employed in industry and only two in agriculture.



Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Centre is decorated as Little Tel Aviv during a flower fair that opened there on Monday night in a ceremony attended by acting mayor Yigael Griffl.

Promotion

Tat-Aiuf Moshe Bar-Kochba (Brill) has been appointed to a senior position in the Israel Defence Forces effective on Friday, according to the army spokesman. He will be promoted to Aluf (major-general).

Amnesty takes homosexuals under its wing

BRUSSELS (AP). — Amnesty International said yesterday it would defend people imprisoned for homosexuality as prisoners of conscience.

Students protest Strauss-Masri meeting

By IAN BLACK, Jerusalem Post Reporter. Students of Al-Najah college in Nablus have distributed leaflets over the past few days protesting against last week's meeting between the chairman of the college's board of governors, Hikmat al-Masri, and U.S. special envoy Robert Strauss.

SMOKING

Abu Dhabi, the capital of the seven-state United Arab Emirates (UAE), yesterday banned cigarette advertising, the official Emirates news-agency reported.

JOACHIM O. RONALL. Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away in New York on September 7, 1979. Ruth Ronall, Daniella, Nami and Gene Felerstein, Michael and Beverly Ronall, Carla and Charles Kaiser.

PAULINA WEINSTEIN. We mourn the passing of our beloved. The funeral took place in Ashkelon, Sept. 10, 1979, 10 Elul, 5739. Family in Israel and Canada.

הגדה מאת אהרן

Tabled appeal can't halt settlement work

By DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporter Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir ruled yesterday that the mere tabling of an appeal to the cabinet was insufficient to halt work on two new West Bank settlements.

It appears unlikely that Begin will halt the work at Rehav "B" and Dotan, since he had already declined Yadin's request to do so at Sunday's stormy cabinet meeting.



Jewish Agency Executive Chairman, Arye Dulzin, addressing the Zionist Council yesterday. At his left is former Prisoner of Zion, Eduard Kuznetsov. (Zoom 77)

Dulzin concerned over Israel's image

Jerusalem Post Reporter Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin yesterday decried "verbal violence everywhere" in the government, in the coalition and in the opposition.

Diaspora Jewry must be considered a loyal partner and not an instrument of fund raising.

Committee rejects proposed 25 per cent electricity hike

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday turned down the Energy Ministry's request to raise electricity rates by 25.3 per cent.

the Energy Ministry, as this time the hike could not be justified by a rise in the price of oil.

Addressing 400 delegates to the annual assembly of the Zionist Council in Israel in Jerusalem, Dulzin also emphasized the importance of improving the quality of life here if the country is to succeed in attracting olim.

The need to increase Diaspora participation in aliyah and absorption was a major theme in the Agency Executive meeting this week.

Police plan new stations for Arab villages in North

By YA'ACOV ARDON Jerusalem Post Reporter NAZARETH — The police in the Northern District will establish new posts in several Arab villages and will strengthen existing stations in a move against the rising crime rate in the area.

constables, Jewish, Arab or Druse, will be added to the establishment.

At a press briefing yesterday, district commander Nitzav Haim Avinoam explained that the steep rise in the standards of living in the Arab sector in recent years had brought in its wake a mounting wave of offences, such as robberies, violence and drug dealing.

Surveying police work in the large district (which runs south to Petah Tikva and includes Samaria, Avinoam said it had curbed drug traffic and sharply reduced, together with the military and customs men, smuggling across the border.

"We found that at many points we were too far away to investigate efficiently," he said.

He claimed that crime in the district now rose more slowly than the national average — 3 per cent last year compared with 8 per cent last year.

He said the move is partly the result of police initiative, and partly due to written and oral pleas from Arab leaders.

Avinoam urged the public to exercise vigilance during the coming holiday, to lock their homes and cars.

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Dutchmen request visas for family of Viktor Korchnoi

AMSTERDAM — Four internationally known Dutch sports figures have asked Soviet authorities through the Russian embassy in The Hague to allow the family of Russian chess grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi to join him in Switzerland.

The petitioners include Max Euwe, former chess world champion and president of the International Chess Federation, Anton Geesink, former world judo champion, and Ard Schenk, former long-distance skating world champion.

Ulanovsky, 29, took over as spokesman after the trial last summer of Anatoly Shcharansky, who was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment for treason.

Devaluation pushes dollar past IL28

The dollar passed the IL28 mark yesterday, representing a 2.2 per cent devaluation since the beginning of the month and a 7.2 per cent devaluation since the beginning of August.

Israel intervening to align the rate of devaluation with the rate of domestic inflation.

The public has recently shifted from being sellers of foreign currency to purchasers, a phenomenon reflected in the drop in Israel's foreign currency reserves last month.

It seems that the rush on foreign currency is due, in part, to persistent rumours about the country's foreign currency straits and about various economic moves planned by the government.

Haifa police arrest man for burglaries

HAIFA — Police Monday night arrested a 22-year-old man for a number of burglaries in the Carmel area. He will be brought to court today.

Protesters block fatal J'lem intersection

Enraged residents of Jerusalem's Katamonim quarter blocked traffic for 45 minutes at a busy intersection in the quarter yesterday evening to protest inadequate safety precautions.

Norway to discuss selling oil to Israel

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Israel will in the next months start discussions with Norway on the possible supply of surplus oil from Norway's North Sea wells.

Norway's total oil production was spoken for under long-term contracts. According to press reports, Washington has applied considerable pressure on Norway to supply oil to Israel.



Mrs. Stefania Burzminska (left), a Polish Catholic woman now living in Boston, on Monday received the highest award of Israel's Yad VaShem for hiding and feeding 13 Jews in her attic for two years during the Nazi occupation of Poland during World War II.

Dutch synagogue becomes mosque

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — An old synagogue in The Hague has officially become a mosque. But a Protestant church is to make way for a new synagogue.

The congregation used the money to purchase a former Protestant church in the modern Bezuidenhout quarter. But the very extensive reconstruction necessary for this building has been declared too costly.

160 traffic offenders tried in TA

TEL AVIV (Itim) — About 160 offenders caught during the last week in a road safety campaign faced traffic courts here yesterday.

through red lights. Other offences were overtaking in non-passing zones, speeding violations, and travelling the wrong way.

WUJS adopts Zionist programme, declares 'war on PLO'

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter The World Union of Jewish Students has voted to demonstrate its new Zionist orientation by moving its headquarters from London to Jerusalem.

unanimously adopted a revolutionary change of policy. On Monday night the Congress adopted the Zionist movement's "Jerusalem Programme," which the 1977 WUJS congress in Oxford had flatly rejected.

called upon world governments to recognize Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the Jewish state and demanded that they transfer their embassies to Jerusalem.

its rejection of the Jerusalem Programme. Bill Ha'uben, chairman of the National Union of Israeli Students, noted that the Jewish student unions of Britain and Italy, opposing the new line and various innovations in personnel, had "suspended themselves" from WUJS at the end of the Congress.

TO APPEAR SHORTLY: The First Photographs of The Holy Land. Jewish postman in the Galilee 1885. As the subject implies, the volume will appear in enlarged form (double), and will include about 400 pages. It will comprise a varied selection of landscapes, the majority dating to the second half of the last century.

The Israel National Opera Founded by Edis De-Philippe Opening of 32nd Season 1979/80. Enjoy... eat in good health, thank goodness. KOSHER Empire POULTRY. The Most Trusted Name in Kosher Poultry and Foods. Accepted and Preferred Worldwide.

Old age pensions up

Old age pensions paid by the National Insurance Institute have been raised this month by 5 per cent for recipients insured with the NII and by 17.6 per cent for social welfare recipients who are not insured with the institute.

Court order against Gush Emunim group

BEERSHEBA (Itim) — The District Court here yesterday issued a temporary injunction halting work by Gush Emunim's Yafit settlement group at a site on the Beersheba-Arad road.

Accordingly, a single person entitled to the pensions plus social welfare payment will now receive IL 834 monthly instead of IL 407; a couple in the same category will receive IL 1,251, instead of IL 611; and a couple with a child will receive IL 4,819, instead of IL 4,093.

The order was issued at the request of a member of the Abu Rabi'a Beduin tribe, who claims that he and his family have worked the site uninterruptedly since Turkish times.

BAZAAR — Rotary Givatayim is holding a bazaar at Tel Aviv's Kikar Atarim on Thursday to raise money for children suffering from cystic fibrosis, a disease for which there is no known cure.

BAHA'IS hit desecration HAIFA — Institutions of the Baha'i religion throughout the world are protesting the recent desecration of the holy house of the Bab, in Shiraz, southeast Iran, according to John Wade, secretary of the Baha' World Centre here.

New trustees for Acre Wakf

Jerusalem Post Staff The government has named a new committee of trustees to administer the property of the Acre Wakf — the Moslem religious endowment body. The new trustees were appointed, according to a government statement, because the last committee of trustees did not function.

Lahat attends IPO concert in Berlin

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV — Mayor Shlomo Lahat was the guest of honour at a concert given by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Berlin's Symphony Hall yesterday.

Woman army evader gets 3 months jail

TEL AVIV (Itim) — A 19-year-old woman whose declaration to the army that she is religious and therefore should be exempted from military service was proved false was sent to jail yesterday for three months.

Michael Shimon, of Rehov Hamakor 2 in Ramat Gan, had sworn in the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court last October that she was religious, ate only kosher food and did not travel on Saturdays. She then took the form attesting to her oath to the army recruiting office and was exempted from serving in the army.



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U.S. hits Soviet denial on combat unit in Cuba

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. is standing by its assertion that Soviet combat troops are in Cuba, and says that Moscow's denial is not helping to resolve the problem.

The State Department on Monday night responded tersely to a "Pravda" editorial that said the only Soviet military personnel on the Caribbean island were helping to train Cubans use Soviet equipment.

"...It (the editorial) is not a helpful contribution to the resolution of the problem," the department said. "There will be no further comment."

"Pravda," in the most direct Soviet reaction so far in the dispute, said: "All claims about the arrival in Cuba of organized Soviet combat units are totally groundless."

The Communist Party newspaper said that for 17 years — dating back to the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 — there had been a training centre at which Soviet troops taught Cuban forces how to use military equipment supplied by their Kremlin ally.

"Neither the number nor the functions of the Soviet personnel have changed all these years," the paper said.

The State Department's response appeared aimed at reminding the Russians of the effect that an inflexible attitude could have on some U.S. politicians, who have demanded the troops' withdrawal as a condition for approval of the new U.S.-Soviet

strategic arms accord, SALT II.

The U.S. has not demanded that the troops be removed, leaving the door open for a compromise, and talks began on Monday between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

Vance is also due to meet former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who has sharply challenged the Carter administration over the issue.

Kissinger said that the U.S. had no knowledge of Soviet combat troops in Cuba when he was Secretary of State. And he insisted it was proper to link Senate approval of SALT II with demands for removal of the troops.

Vance has said the troops may have been in Cuba for a decade or longer. He and President Jimmy Carter also argue that the arms treaty should stand on its own merits.

"Pravda" said the true motives behind the "loud campaign" in the U.S. over the troops could be seen from its timing.

It had clearly been launched to try to undermine the prestige of Cuba during the Havana non-aligned movement conference, it said.

"It is not by chance either that all this outcry is being used by those circles in the U.S. that are trying to prevent the ratification of the SALT II treaty," the paper said.



Anna Lundén, captain of the Swedish women's basketball team, is no doubt wondering how her squad will fare against 2.10-metre tall Ulana Semynova, 27, of the Latvian TTT Riga team in their forthcoming match in Stockholm. (UPI telephoto)

'Al-Ahram' editor dies of heart attack

Jerusalem Post Staff

WASHINGTON. — All Hamdi el Gammal, Egypt's most prominent newspaper editor, died here during the night of a heart attack, the Egyptian Embassy announced yesterday.

Gammal, 64, was chairman of the board and editor-in-chief of "Al-Ahram," Cairo's best-known newspaper.

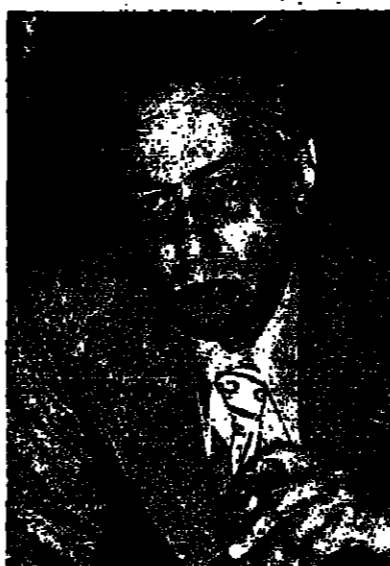
He had flown to Washington on Monday with Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak and was to cover Mubarak's week-long visit to the U.S.

Gammal suffered the heart attack at his hotel in the centre of Washington, an embassy spokesman said.

Gammal had been in Israel last week for the visit to Haifa of President Anwar Sadat. At that time, Gammal, who was also chairman of Egypt's press syndicate, invited a delegation of Israeli editors to Cairo.

Gammal was particularly highly respected by Israeli journalists. A close confidant of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, Gammal had accompanied the Egyptian leader on all of his visits to Israel. Each time, in his contacts with his Israeli counterparts, Gammal proved himself a very astute and sophisticated political analyst.

In December 1977, on the eve of the Imbabiya summit between Premier



All Hamdi el-Gammal

Menahem Begin and Sadat, Gammal wrote an open letter to Begin which was published simultaneously in "Al-Ahram" and "The Jerusalem Post." In it he called on Begin to trust in his sense of leadership in order to make peace. If he did this, Gammal wrote, he would go down in Jewish history as more famous than David Ben-Gurion, who was first prime minister of Israel.

Rhodesia peace conference encounters first snarl

LONDON (Reuter). — The Zimbabwe Rhodesia peace conference opened on Monday with Lord Carrington urging both sides in Zimbabwe Rhodesia's gruelling bush war to compromise around British proposals for a new constitution and fresh elections as part of a settlement.

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Kremlin worried by crime

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet leadership, apparently worried by the level of street crime and other lawlessness, called yesterday for a national effort to strengthen public order.

The decree from the Central Committee of the Communist Party followed a series of reports in the official media complaining of widespread hooliganism, crimes arising from drunkenness and corruption.

Though crime statistics are kept secret in the Soviet Union, the decrees and the recent press campaign seemed to point to particular concern in the Kremlin over the poor

state of public order — especially since some 300,000 foreigners are expected to visit Moscow and other cities during the Olympic Games next year.

The decrees instructed police, state prosecutors and party officials to crack down on all lawbreaking, particularly street crime, crimes connected with drunkenness and juvenile offenders.

The decree also instructed state television and radio, the press and the film industry to give better coverage to the "struggle with lawbreaking, with drunkenness, with parasitism and moneygrubbing."

Italy wants to try Lebanese hijackers

ROME (UPI). — Justice ministry officials said yesterday they will ask for the extradition of three Lebanese men who hijacked an Alitalia airliner DC-8 jet and took it to Iran.

The three hijackers, all Shi'a Moslems and residents of Beirut, commandeered the Italian state airliner jet shortly after it took off from the Lebanese capital on Friday.

The plane landed in Rome and was allowed to leave for Iran only after the hijackers released all 175 passengers.

On arrival in Teheran, the three Lebanese men were taken into custody by Iranian authorities.

Spanish police grab 12 guerrilla suspects

MADRID (Reuter). — Spanish police said yesterday they had rounded up 12 leading urban guerrilla suspects, including six women, and dismantled the propaganda machine of an extremist underground movement.

The arrests were made in raids on 10 flats in Madrid, Barcelona and the northern town of Saragossa, a police statement said.

The Interior Ministry had offered rewards for the capture of two of those arrested, saying they were members of the shadowy guerrilla group Grapo (First of October Anti-Fascist Resistance Group).

Portugal house dissolved, election date set

LISBON (UPI). — President Antonio Ramalhos Eanes dissolved the lame duck Portuguese parliament yesterday and announced December 2 as the date for new parliamentary elections.

The dissolution had been expected since July, when Eanes announced it to curtail a long political crisis.

government gazette, "Diario da Republica." The dissolution marked the end of the parliament chosen in April 1976 as Portugal's first freely elected parliament in half a century.

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Bokassa's fall predicted

PARIS (Reuter). — Emperor Bokassa's former ambassador to France yesterday announced the establishment of a government-in-exile for the Central African Empire.

Sylvestre Bangui, who resigned his ambassadorial post and his commission as a general in the Central African Army last October, told press conference that his next task would be to topple the emperor.

"We are going now in the coming days to move on to the final phase of removing Bokassa," he said.

Bangui heads an opposition movement, the Ubangi Liberation Front, which he set up last May following reports that some 100 children had been massacred in the Central African Empire.

Newspaper on ice for story about mice

KUWAIT (AP). — "Al-Siyassa," one of Kuwait's leading newspapers, was suspended from publication for three days yesterday apparently for complaining about the increase of mice in the oil-rich state.

The official Kuwait news agency said the government order gave no reason for the suspension.

But a statement by the newspaper said it was suspended because it had criticized the Kuwait health minister over the alarming increase of mice in the country, the agency added.

12 kidnap suspects arrested in Italy

REGGIO CALABRIA, Italy (AP). — Twelve Southern Italians have been taken into custody in connection with a string of kidnappings, authorities said yesterday.

Police said the action followed an investigation into seven kidnappings in the Calabria region here and one in Turin, the car-making capital in Northern Italy.

Authorities estimated the abductions produced more than \$1m. in ransom.

Carter to avoid politicking as popularity hits new low

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Carter will concentrate on legislation, not on election campaigning, according to the White House, despite new warnings that Senator Edward Kennedy could oust him as next year's Democratic presidential candidate.

The latest opinion poll shows that confidence in the President has slipped to an all-time low and 70 per cent of Americans feel that Carter cannot win re-election in 1980.

White House spokesman Jody Powell told reporters that Carter wanted to avoid a premature injection of presidential politics that would cloud the energy question and ratification of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty by the Senate.

Meanwhile, an ABC News-Louis Harris poll released on Monday

showed that of 1,488 adults surveyed between September 1 and 5, only 21 per cent thought Carter could be re-elected, while 9 per cent were not sure.

A 66 to 35 per cent majority believed he could not even win the Democratic Party nomination.

Other recent polls have shown Kennedy as the clear front runner for the 1980 Democratic nomination.

Carter's mother Lillian also spoke about Kennedy at the weekend.

She told a political rally that Kennedy "assures us he's not going to run. And if he does run, I wish him all the luck in the world. I hope to goodness nothing happens to him."

This last remark was taken as a reference to the assassinations of Kennedy's brothers, John and Robert.

Puerto Rican terrorists unrepentant

CHICAGO (Reuter). — Four Puerto Rican Nationalists freed by President Carter after many years in prison have vowed to carry on their fight for the independence of their Caribbean homeland.

The four, who refused to renounce the use of violence, were acclaimed as heroes by some 1,500 Puerto Ricans when they arrived in Chicago on Monday night after their release earlier in the day from prisons around the U.S.

One of them, Oscar Collazo, 66, served 28 years of a life sentence in jail for trying to assassinate Pres-

ident Harry Truman in 1950.

The other three, including a woman, served a total of 76 years in prison for shooting up the House of Representatives in 1954, wounding five congressmen.

The woman, Lolita Lebron, 59, told supporters waving Puerto Rican flags and chanting independence slogans at a rally in Chicago's Spanish-speaking quarters: "We will have to let time tell what actions will be necessary to break the chain of American imperialism."

"We won't say we won't take up arms against the U.S."

London may see 'The Times' soon

LONDON (Reuter). — "The Times" of London, Britain's oldest national daily newspaper, could start publishing again next month after being off the streets since November 30 last year, a management spokesman said yesterday.

His statement followed talks with

a key printers' trade union involved in negotiations over the introduction of new technology, the National Graphical Association (NGA).

The spokesman said he was hopeful that "The Times" and "The Sunday Times" and three weekly supplements, would be printed again in mid-October. Publication was suspended when management and unions failed to agree on the operation of the technology.

The NGA said it would "use all possible endeavours" to help bring forward the republication date. This was taken to mean the union would put pressure on the one union that has still not reached agreement with the management on a return to work.

\$125m. crop loss in India's drought

NEW DELHI (AP). — A six-week-long drought has destroyed more than \$125m. worth of rice, millet and vegetable crops in Bareilly district, Northern India, an official statement said yesterday.

In parts of the drought-hit district, located about 200 kms. east of New Delhi, 80 per cent of the crops have been destroyed, the Uttar Pradesh state government said in a statement issued in the state capital of Lucknow.

It did not say if any persons have died in the dry spell but added that water reservoirs are drying up.

Picasso inheritance tax to be paid in art

PARIS (AP). — The French government announced yesterday it will select between 700 and 800 art works valued at about \$71.5m. from the estate of the late Pablo Picasso for payment of inheritance taxes.

The Ministry of Culture and Communications said the government will choose among the 1,875 paintings, 11,700 drawings, 27,000 engravings, 1,356 sculptures and nearly 3,000 pieces of ceramics to put together the best possible representation of the artist's work for a new Picasso Museum.

The Spanish-born Picasso, one of the greatest artists of his time, died April 8, 1973, at the age of 91, leaving

behind a personal collection of his own work valued at nearly \$800m.

After the government has made its selection, the inheritance will be divided among the artist's six legal heirs — his widow, Jacqueline, his three acknowledged illegitimate children and his two surviving grandchildren.

Meanwhile in Florence, officials yesterday barred children from an exhibit of Picasso's erotica — but samples of the art can be seen on posters advertising the exhibit.

Franco Rava, president of the Province of Tuscany, ordered the ban for those under 18, saying that the 10 drawings will "produce anxiety in young viewers."



U.S. TV star Farrah Fawcett, who recently visited Israel, follows the lead of Nagwa Fouad, Egypt's leading belly-dancer, at a fundraising dinner in Cairo this week. (UPI telephoto)

Agostinho Neto was an enigma to West

MOSCOW. — The death in Moscow on Monday of Agostinho Neto, independent Angola's first president, comes at a time when the Angola government is plagued with internal dissension over policies and as anti-MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) guerrilla activity continues in eastern regions of the Central African nation.

Neto had appeared to be leaning toward the West in recent months, if only because he desperately needed western economic help to help rebuild the still-shattered economy of the major oil-producing state. However, the quiet-spoken poet and physician remained an enigma in the West, rarely giving interviews or publicizing his movements when travelling abroad, — mainly to the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Neto became president on November 11, 1975, following the civil war victory of the MPLA, which was backed by Cuban troops and armed by the Soviet Union. His guerrillas had defeated pro-western liberation groups which had vied for control as the Portuguese pulled out of the country.

Although the Soviet bloc had been the MPLA's biggest supporter, Neto said he was politically non-aligned. He had campaigned for Angolan independence since the 1950s.

He was arrested for anti-colonialist agitation and kicked out of medical school in Angola from 1955 to 1957. He then resumed his medical studies in Portugal, graduated in 1958 and returned to



ing to put an end to Portugal's 500-year-old colonial empire in Africa, began talks with the guerrilla leaders for independence on November 11, 1975.

But the guerrilla factions were engaged in a bloody civil war by then. Neto's forces received reinforcements when a contingent of 3,000 Cuban "volunteers" arrived aboard Soviet planes. The Soviets also shipped in armoured vehicles, small arms and artillery rocket launchers, and the Cuban "volunteers" kept arriving.

By December, the Cubans and their modern weapons appeared to have turned the tide in favour of Neto and his forces became the *de facto* rulers. Many nations recognized the new regime, but the U.S. still has not, ostensibly because of the continued presence of some 25,000 Cuban military personnel in the country.

Neto was reported to have visited Russia in March and April for what was publicly advertised as a visit "for friendship and rest." But even then, he was thought to be stricken with cancer.

In a move aimed at dispelling the speculation — he died following cancer surgery — the Angolan leader appeared on Soviet television looking fit during an appearance at a children's camp in the Soviet capital.

Presumably Neto's body will be flown back to Angola, but there was no indication what arrangements were being made. (AP, Reuter)

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Afghanistan's hasty revolution

IN THE DRAB dining room of the once stately Kabul Hotel a dozen Russian "advisers" sit glumly over breakfast: tea (one bag per pot), gargantuan slabs of coarse bread and cold scrambled eggs.

They're glum with good reason. When veteran Marxist Nour Mohammad Taraki took power in a bloody 10-hour coup d'état in April last year, neither Kipling, Kim nor the British Empire were there to frustrate their ambition, the Russians could split the warm waters of the Arabian Sea and the "Great Game" seemed in the bag.

Fifteen months later, the Taraki régime and its substantial corps of Russian advisers are facing a murderous jihad (holy war), with the latest reported victims some 80 Russian sightseers slaughtered by rebels at Kandahar 320km. southwest of here.

The remarkable thing is that Afghanistan was ripe for revolution when Taraki took power, and the reforms decreed by his People's Democratic Party, known as the Khalq, addressed themselves directly to fundamental problems.

Villagers' debts were cancelled and moneylenders outlawed, land was taken from feudal lords and given to the peasantry, there is a drive to stamp out illiteracy, now 90 per cent, to provide education for women and to curb the buying and selling of brides (the calling set at \$12).

But the "new model revolution" sought to bridge the gap between the middle ages and a socialist utopia overnight. "They moved too quickly and insensitively," said a Western observer.

"They set out to break the Islamic clergy and underestimated the deep conservatism of the common people. Before they could consolidate the reforms, survival had become the top priority."

"Most important, they've painted themselves as anti-Islamic and as a creature of the Russians. If the flag was Islamic green rather than godless red, if they hadn't called each other 'comrade'... It's a parade of lies. They've done everything wrong," he said.

The result is armed resistance to Khalq rule throughout Afghanistan's 28 provinces. To the east of Kabul, between the border with Pakistan, in Konarka, Pakista, Lowgar and Nangarhar provinces, the rebel mujahideen, or "holy warriors," effectively control all but the provincial capitals and the major towns.

The picture is much the same in

Parwan and Bamian provinces in the mountains of the Hindu Kush to the north-west, and in Garmi, Zabul and Kandahar to the south-west.

The government controls the main roads running through the cultivated river valleys and the towns they link. But that's about all. As I saw on the five-hour drive between Kabul and the Khyber Pass, they do so with armoured cars, troops guarding bridges and passes between the towering mountains, road blocks, and a soldier riding shotgun on every civilian truck.

WHEN THE mujahideen launched their campaign a year ago, the tribesmen were armed with battered Lee Enfield rifles, inherited from fathers and grandfathers. Now, their spokesman in Peshawar, on the Pakistan side of the Khyber told me, "We've everything they have and what's more our mujahideen know they'll go directly to Paradise if they die."

For the weapons at least they had photographs to support the claims, grimacing tribesmen sporting a killing array — from AK-47 assault rifles, machineguns, rocket-launchers and anti-tank mines to 107mm cannon, anti-aircraft artillery and a T-34 tank.

It's a small part of the huge quantity of military hardware the Soviet Union is feeding Kabul. Much of it has been delivered to the rebels by Taraki forces who've surrendered rather than continue fighting fellow Muslims.

In one episode eight weeks ago, the rebels claim, an entire brigade in Shandik district of Zabul province killed its 21 loyal, party card-carrying officers, and crossed the lines.

The only serious challenge to rebel activity comes from the air — recently delivered Mi-24 helicopters, Moscow's latest and most sophisticated model, and Mi-31 fighters, brought in to replace slower Mi-17s, which the rebels were shooting down with gay abandon (they claim to have shot down three in Parwan province alone). Reliable sources in Kabul say the more sophisticated helicopters and fighters are being flown by Soviet pilots, and are proving an invaluable addition to the government arsenal.

But the issue at present is not whether, or when, rebel forces can draw a net about Kabul and topple the régime by force of arms. Their war of attrition is certainly bleeding the 100,000-man army, many of them reluctant conscripts paid \$2 a month.

By BRIAN EADS/Kabul



Nour Mohammad Taraki (AP)

But rebel action remains random, sporadic and uncoordinated, and they appear unable to consolidate their gains.

Last month Lowgar province, just 24km. south of the capital, came under rebel control. After just two days of fierce government counter-attack, the rebels were driven south and Kabul restored its rule.

THE PRESIDENT is ubiquitous. Peering down from above government buildings, shops and private homes, with distinguished grey hair, cheeks rouged in the photo lab, he looks like the benign and somewhat inebriated uncle who always slipped you a little gift. Recently, to add to the accolades, a seminar of writers and poets decided "to follow the literary style of the Great Leader."

His prose style notwithstanding, a large question mark hangs over the continued survival of the man who has been variously a clerk, press attaché at the Afghan Embassy in Washington and a translator at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. The two pillars keeping him aloft — the armed forces, and the Soviet Union's 1,500 military and 2,500 civilian advisers — are looking less reliable by the week.

On August 5, Kabul was treated to the spectacle of helicopter gunships rocketing and strafing the ancient Bala Hissar fort on the edge of the

dusty, tangled mud labyrinth of the old city, where Marco Polo would notice few changes. Foreign sources say at least 300 died in the Bala Hissar battle. A commando unit billeted at the fort mutinied after what appears to have been the thwarting of a coup d'état.

Troops have mutinied before: in February at Herat, near the Iranian border, and in May at Jellalabad between Kabul and the Khyber Pass. Both uprisings were crushed by loyal troops, though at Herat not before 26 Soviet military advisers had died — some skinned alive, other castrated and disembowelled.

"But in Kabul, and after all the precautions, you'd expect loyal troops," said a diplomat. Just a week before Bala Hissar, the precautions had included a Cabinet reshuffle transferring the defence portfolio to Prime Minister Amin Hafizullah — the former Kabul University professor regarded as the régime's strong man — while potential rivals were moved to less powerful ministries and remote border posts.

Efforts to purify the army have been under way since immediately after last year's coup d'état. The air force chief and former Defence Minister, Col. Abdul Khadar, is just one of thousands in jail. According to the U.S. State Department, 3,000 have already been executed. Certainly 150,000 Afghans have fled into Pakistan.

The savage purge in the army has put the command of divisions in the hands of majors and half-colonels, who would normally lead companies. Security and advancement depend on party membership, and half the 8,000-man officer corps are Khalq cadres.

"It's only these Moscow-trained officers who're keeping the troops in line," said the diplomat.

The Mujahideen rebels believe that, inshallah — if God wills — the common soldiery will rally to the cause. President Taraki's urgent task is to prevent this, while building a wider base of support in the countryside.

In the army crash political education programmes are under way. The thrust of the popular campaign is to establish the Khalq leadership's Islamic credentials. Taraki's religious observances warrant prime television time, and his humble origins in a "devout Moslem family" are stressed.

Last month "an association of religious scholars" declared it "both legal and obligatory" to kill the

Ichonush Shayateen (Brothers of Satan) opposing the revolution.

Though sheep now graze contentedly beneath the pockmarked brown walls of Bala Hissar, the consensus in Kabul is that it's already too late. "They've generated too much hatred and suspicion to back-track successfully." Which leaves the ball squarely in Moscow's court, and not many options on offer.

Replace the present leadership, but with whom? No one tainted by association would win popular support.

Withdraw and watch the régime toppled by Islamic fundamentalists, with all the additional dangers that implies for unrest among Soviet Muslims across the border.

Support the régime more vigorously and risk losing more Soviet lives and prestige in what Washington might call "a no-win situation."

Reference to British experience in two 19th century Afghan wars promises much head-scratching in Moscow. Heroically and disastrously Britain discovered that the Afghan tribes would not be ruled by foreigners or the puppets of foreigners.

EIGHTEEN MILLION people in an area the size of Germany, Belgium, Holland and Denmark, a terrain rivaling the moon in inhospitability, inherent untrustworthiness and generations of expertise in guerrilla warfare hold the promise of a nightmare.

Still, no one I spoke to in Kabul expects the Russians to pack their bags and scuttle home. More than 40 cooperation agreements are signed already, and there's a friendship agreement with mutual defence provisions. "This is not like the Americans in Vietnam," said an Asian observer. "The Russians live just next door, and they're very patient."

Among those accused by Kabul of fanning the flames of rebellion — "Pakistan reactionaries," "narrow-minded fanatics in Iran," China and the U.S. — none appears anxious to offer the régime an alternative lifeline. "Pakistan know they're next on the list if order's restored," I was told in Islamabad, and "the Americans detest the régime." After the killing of their ambassador in February, all aid has been cut out.

For the present all seem happy to enjoy the spectacle of Russian patience being taxed to the very limits of its endurance and flexibility. All that is, save the much-abused Afghan people themselves.

(Observer Foreign News Service)



"Let us march towards peace and independence for our country, democracy and progress," say the placards at a recent demonstration by schoolgirls in Kabul. (Camera Press)

White-knuckle Cairo landings

By DON SCHANGHE/Cairo

"THIS IS your captain speaking," the pilot of Trans World Airlines flight 800 said as he banked his Boeing-707 jet into a sweeping holding pattern over Cairo one recent afternoon. "They don't have radar and we kind of have to figure it out for ourselves."

He then went on to reassure his unnerved passengers that he would bring them safely to the ground.

On a British Airways jet that was descending for its final approach not long ago, a European air traffic specialist turned to his seatmate, a Moslem, and asked him whether he knew how to pray.

"Of course, but why do you ask?" "Because you have just begun the most dangerous five minutes you will spend in your life," the expert said, looking anxiously out of his window.

Like the TWA captain, domestic and international airline pilots who regularly use what local authorities imaginatively boast is "the busiest and safest airport in the Middle East" complain that they often have to control themselves down to the runway because air traffic controllers lack the equipment and training to confidently sort out the planes overhead.

To assist them in getting five-million passengers in and out at Cairo International Airport each year, the controllers have only a sporadically functioning radar (installed in 1964), a weak and noisy radio, a faulty instrument landing system and several pairs of cracked binoculars, according to the European expert, who has watched the tower operators in action.

An Egyptian pilot, captain Safwat Ismail, recently complained to the Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram" of a near head-on collision. He lifted his Boeing-737 directly into the path of a Middle East Airlines 707 that was mistakenly trying to land at the wrong end of the runway, he said.

"The controller expected to see the (landing) plane coming from the other direction," Ismail said. "He was looking at the runway through binoculars, and with such a primitive device he couldn't see the mistake of the 707. If there had been radar, the controllers could have warned both of us."

"We have stacks of near-misses in the Cairo area and we're fed up," said the captain of a Boeing-747 who flies regularly into Cairo.

"I've been flying for 21 years and I swear that Cairo is the most dangerous airport I've ever used."

Other pilots mildly disagreed. "We go into a lot of places in Africa and India that are worse than Cairo," an Asian flight captain said. "But for a busy international airport that is supposed to meet international standards, it's pretty bad."

THE AIRPORT, built as Payne Field by the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II is situated about 17km. north-west of Cairo at the edge of the desert, bordering the busy suburb of Heliopolis. At present all flights take off and land on one old north-south runway, which European experts say is inadequately lighted.

One of the problems is that of control. The runway was built on a plateau that is higher than the old airport control tower and, as a result, controllers lose sight of planes after they land and before they take off. When it is ready for operations, a new tower nearer the new runway will remedy the visibility problem.

But despite the runway inadequacies, lack of modern air-traffic equipment and control procedures that often leave them shaking their heads in bewilderment, pilots emphasised in interviews that they feel reasonably confident about using the airport.

"First, we know their shortcomings and operate accordingly," one said.

"You know you have to be a little more on the ball and keep a sharp lookout, so everyone flying in here is more alert than he would be if he was being controlled by instruments and sophisticated operators into places like Heathrow (London) or JFK (New York)."

"But the most important safety factor is the weather. Cairo is perfectly clear 99 per cent of the time. With 25 km. visibility almost all the time we can see each other and the airport. We help the controllers by telling them where we are, something they can't know otherwise without radar."

ALTHOUGH the pilots try to help, the air traffic controllers sometimes ignore them, the airline captains complain. One experience common to all was that of the Cairo tower operator's abruptly turning off his radio transmitter and refusing to answer their calls, either out of pique over a captain's irritation with imprecise directions or panic because he has lost track of the altitudes and separation of the aircraft circling overhead.

"The tower operator panicked one day when I was watching him try to control three planes — a TWA, a Pakistan International and a Japan Air Lines — all trying to land," the European control expert said. "He lost track of them, but instead of trying to sort them out he just turned off his transmitter switch and looked anxious while the three pilots sorted themselves out by radio and landed one by one on their own."

As if to confirm the pilots' analysis of their shortcomings Egyptian civil aviation authorities blandly deny that anything is wrong or out of order, either in their procedures or equipment.

"Everything is working, the radar is working and everything is in good condition," said retired air force Gen. Sayed Shmawi, chairman of Egypt's Aviation Authority. Shmawi insisted that despite unanimous complaints by airline captains about Egyptian air safety equipment being obsolete and frequently out of order, the radio navigational aids that mark Egypt's air corridors and the approach control and tower control devices used to guide planes into landings were more than adequate for safety.

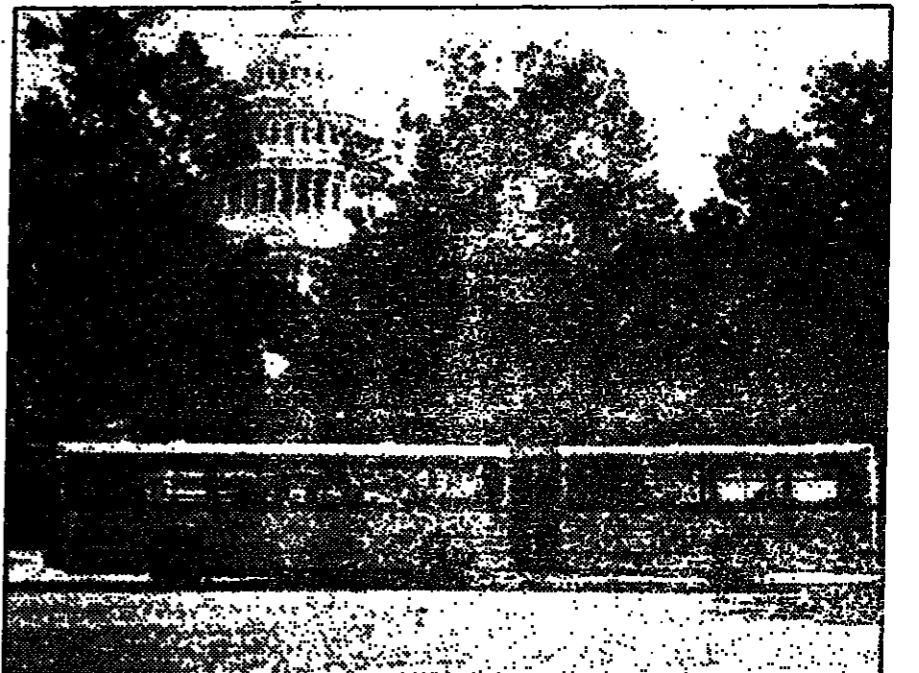
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IN THE WORLD'S CAPITALS ON THE ROADS OF ISRAEL.

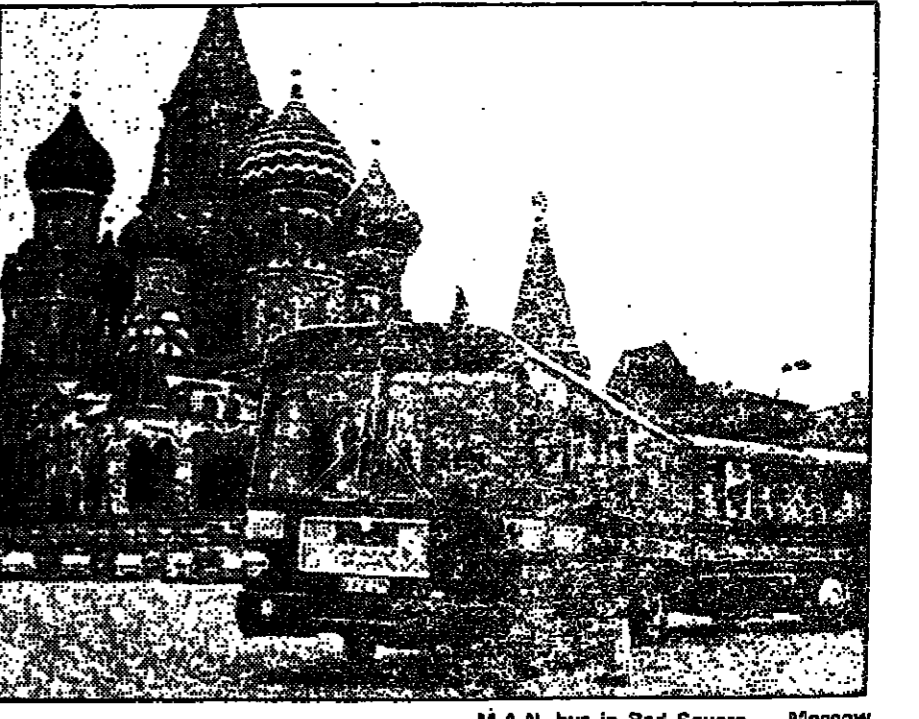
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ANOTHER school year has begun. Whatever the age or grade of the "scholar," the parent who sees him off to school does so with his own secret wishes for his child's success and perhaps with a resolve to make a special effort to help ensure that success.

These are situations that occur so routinely in every family, that it is difficult to imagine that they could have any real impact (let alone a negative one) on the child's school experience.

Don't allow your child's gripes sessions to become a debate. All children complain about some teachers, some of the time — with or without justification.

When a child gripes about a teacher at home, he is not only sharing his school experiences with you, he is working out his own feelings toward this new person in his life.

He may be anxious about meeting new expectations and learning how to get along with new people in his life. The fact that the complaints may have no connection with school work is immaterial; kids are just as likely to criticize the teacher's haircut as his teaching methods.

TENDER TRAPS FOR PARENTS

ALL IN THE FAMILY/Eleanor Harris

Whatever the nature of the complaint, in my opinion, it serves no purpose for the parent to become personally involved by taking a stand either for or against the teacher. If you agree with the child, you are reinforcing a possibly inaccurate (but probably changeable) opinion; if you take the side of the teacher, you encourage the child to put forth more and better arguments to prove his point, thereby also possibly reinforcing an inaccurate (but changeable) opinion.

Example: "My teacher is terrible. She hollers all the time." The seven year old who said this doesn't want to hear that teachers yell because children are naughty. Since it is in the nature of seven year olds to be naughty occasionally, his primary concern is how the hollering will affect him if or when he forgets the rules.

"You don't like it when the teacher scolds" will encourage him to keep talking and give him a chance to form his own conclusions.

Similarly, when your high-schooler complains, "My history teacher is rotten, he doesn't know a darn thing except how to pile on the work!" don't allow yourself to be enticed into a discussion of the professional merit of the teacher or the justice of the homework demands.

Don't put up with pandemonium in the morning.

An argument over who gets the bathroom first, a case of the sulks over what to wear, or a slanging match as to why the school supplies are nowhere to be found are all familiar morning scenes.

If, since school has started, your children have left home in tears or in a temper; if you feel like you've put in a full day's work before your day has even started, then do something about it now.

By itself. On the contrary, without conscious effort on your part, it will probably get worse. And don't expect to adopt someone else's morning routine. Spend some time considering each individual's needs and then tailor a programme to suit your family.

Don't overlook the parental (or supervisory) role. A parent may be encouraging or adding to the confusion without realizing he is doing so.

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decided to let them "sink or swim" and eat or not as they choose, while I enjoyed a leisurely (and private) toilette. They may have eaten a little less, but we all left the house in a much better mood.

Don't assume your child's responsibilities.

From the very first grade, allow your child to be responsible for remembering and executing whatever homework the teacher assigns. It takes a lot of self-control to refrain from asking "Have you done your homework yet?" when you are so anxious for him to excel in school.

Few parents need to be told to praise the child's achievements. And, of course, you are interested in the research and independent study that your high-schooler does for his special project or paper.

his work. By being over-anxious and over-involved in his homework you are conveying a message that you can't have the confidence that he can manage this by himself, and this is a put-down that you really don't intend.

SITUATIONS such as the above can easily become "tender traps." First, because they are so normal; secondly, because they occur so often in family life; and, thirdly, because people are reacting the way they do out of the best of motives — love and concern.



Walter Cronkite... "The most beloved man in the U.S." (Judah Passov)

Watching Walter

By JUDY SIEGEL/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE NEWS broadcast is two weeks old, but it nevertheless draws several dozen people a week to the American Cultural Centre in Jerusalem.

The attraction is the screening of the international edition of "The CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite." The immensely popular broadcast, anchored by the man the polls name as "the most beloved man in the U.S.," is the major source of news for tens of millions of Americans.

The Jerusalem branch of the ACC decided to purchase the expensive synopsis as a service to journalists, government officials, public relations experts and all those with a professional interest in how Israel looks abroad.

As one watches the video tape show in the darkened room, one is immediately struck by the differences between "The CBS Evening News" and "Mabat."

The American colour is striking, and the news seems so alive that even pedestrian stories grab your attention.

Believing that the ordinary viewer can't absorb too many facts and figures, Cronkite insists, that numbers and technical terms are displayed visually on the screen.

Unlike "Mabat," where those interviewed are allowed to present their case in minutes of dialogue, CBS interviews and quotes are clipped astonishingly short. Even

Jimmy Carter, explaining his sale of heating oil to Iran while on his Mississippi riverboat cruise, is given only two sentences. This brevity can also make the President seem silly.

Asked by a "hard-hat" worker what would be done in the event of a nuclear reactor mishap, Carter said: "If there would be a catastrophic accident, it would be a catastrophe."

CBS tries to steer clear of officials, as much as possible. Unlike Israel TV, it interviews "the man on the street" regularly, and gives the government's official announcements often as a one-line statement by the newscaster.

Israel and the Middle East take a predominant position on the American network news, and in the weekly summary as well.

THE ISRAELI audience was highly amused by the announcement in ominous tones that the U.S. consumer price index had "skyrocketed" by one per cent last month.

"It should only happen to us," said a member of the audience, who added that Americans seem to get excited about trivia.

CBS News tries to end each broadcast with a human interest or light piece — too much a rarity on "Mabat."

Correspondent Charles Kuralt, who was sent to small-town America years ago to unearth gems, found a retiree named Joseph Charles. Wearing fluorescent-orange gloves, Charles stands outside his corner house for nearly two hours a day, five times a week. His occupation, voluntarily assumed and unpaid, is to wave to passers-by in cars and on foot.

"Why do you do it?" asked an amazed Kuralt. "Some people think I'm a Communist or crazy," confides Charles. "But I'm not. I do it to make people happy."

Dedicated service

SHA'ARE ZEDEK's new hospital is in the process of moving in department after department, building up to the grand opening to be held soon.

Pnina started working for Sha'are Zedek's public relations 23 years ago. She heard the late Dr. Falk Schliesinger unfold his plan for searching out the descendants of the first donors from Frankfurt-am-Main.

Dr. Schliesinger picked up all the threads and found a ready response among these people and was able to

turn them into friends of the hospital. He persuaded them all to come and visit Jerusalem, and Pnina was there to welcome and impress them with her kind thoughtfulness and utter devotion to the project.

Saying good-bye to Pnina, who died in Jerusalem this week, at the age of 85, is an impossible task. For her cheery optimism and golden looks keep shining through. People who work in public relations tend to turn into sunshiners. But Pnina's way at it turned you into a friend. She never forgot to say thank you and add a kind word.

Pnina leaves a sorrowing husband and sister, a son and a daughter and two small grandchildren, and thousands of friends. Helen Rosset

SOME 70 per cent of the country's educational institutions were broken into at least once in 1978, a senior police officer told a meeting of over 100 Jerusalem school headmasters this week.

Speaking in the capital's Arlosoroff primary school, Rav-Pakad Avraham Aviram of the National Police Juvenile Section told the educators gathered to discuss "punishment, violence and vandalism" in the school system, that the purpose of most of the break-ins was "theft or vandalism."

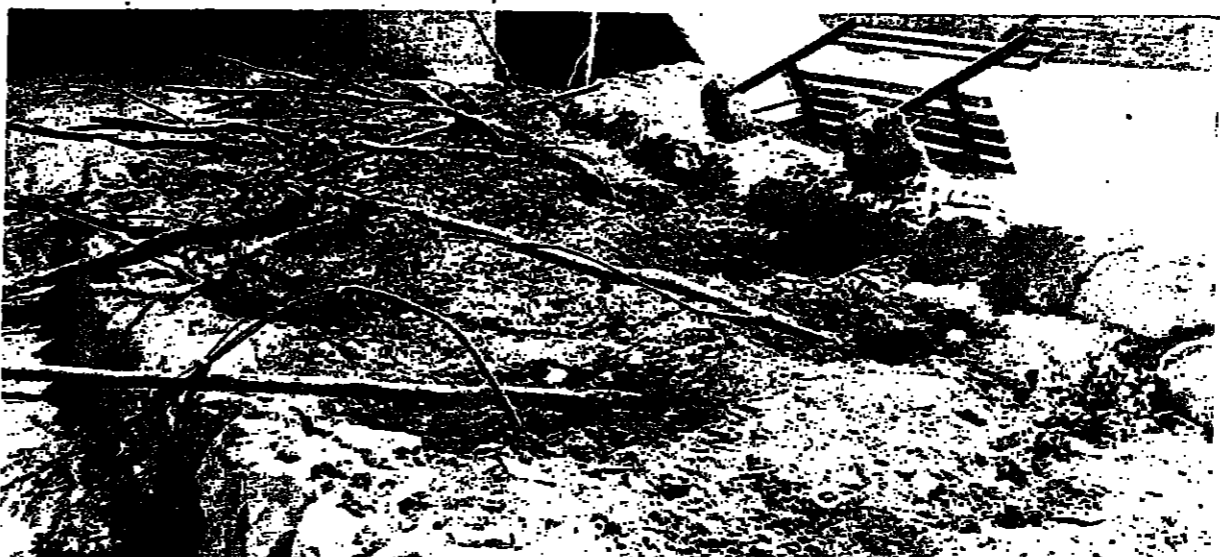
Rahemim Melamed, an inspector of special education, told the headmasters that vandalism was on the increase "world-wide." Seeking solutions to the problem, Melamed said that Israeli educators all too frequently were guilty of allowing their pupils to equate democracy with anarchy.

He charged that the school curriculum was geared to teaching such values as "justice" and "truth," but that it totally ignored what he called "applied, practical values," such as how to use a public telephone (without ripping out the cord) and how to speak politely.

The major cause of vandalism, he said, was the socio-cultural gap. It has led to a feeling of frustration and alienation among culturally deprived pupils, and these have taken to vandalism against the school, which for them represents the powers responsible for their condition.

However, Melamed quickly castigated the tendency towards excessive apologetics and forgiveness. "We must understand, certainly, but we should not justify," he said.

Other "social causes" of vandalism, he said, were media violence, the attitude that insurance will cover the damage, so it is all right, and the Israeli youngsters' inability to fill leisure time. "In the schools we should teach children



The school wreckers

By BENNY MORRIS/Jerusalem Post Reporter

from an early age how to occupy their free time," he said.

Melamed also pointed to the frequent "social legitimization" of vandalism, such as the case of the song "Baruch Jamil," celebrating a name daubed on the water pumping station near Shohesh on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road.

MELAMED suggested that environmental factors greatly affected school vandalism. He recommended that schools be designed as to offer few temptations to would-be vandals, wide lawns, inaccessible signposts, strong perimeter fences and so on. "A recently published study of 1,800 British schools has

demonstrated that a school's shape, colour, construction material, acoustics and lighting can have a major bearing on the frequency of acts of vandalism and generally on pupils' aggressiveness," he said.

Hebrew University Prof. Alice Shalvi, headmaster of Jerusalem's Felech religious secondary school for girls, attributed the "aggression" in the schools to the general world political atmosphere. "In which violence is common and is shown to pay," to a world culture that beams violence on television and cinema screens and attacks the senses with "rock music, which is violent," and to the Israeli national

experience of siege and war. A society in which there are at least 60,000 battered wives will inevitably have violence in its schools, she said.

Shalvi suggested that pupils become more involved in their schools, that pupils councils be given real functions and responsibility and that pupils be put to work in cleaning, painting, and repairing school property.

Rav-Pakad Aviram said that police involvement in school violence was "totally insufficient, as many headmasters refuse to call us in even when crimes are committed on their premises." Aviram cited this attitude as a

major cause of "the spread of violence and vandalism in the school to a point where they are nearly out of control."

"Not every police intervention leads to the opening of a file against a pupil or to prosecution," he read the headmasters. He pointed out that under-13-year-olds are never prosecuted. "Regarding older children, we only open files against them in very serious cases," he said.

Aviram recommended that the "ne'emanei rechush" (guardians of property) scheme effectively operated in some Jerusalem schools, in which pupils promise to look after school property, be instituted in all the country's schools.

Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli, speaking of punishment policy in the schools, said that reactions to his circular of October 1978 had been "mixed." In the controversial circular, Shmueli had totally forbidden the use of corporal punishment against pupils but allowed suspension from class by teachers and from school, for up to six days, by headmasters.

"Many headmasters felt that I had cut so deeply into their powers that they had lost their effectiveness vis-a-vis pupils," said Shmueli.

He said that, despite the circular, corporal punishment was still practised in a number of sectors of the school system, "especially in the Arab schools."

Shmueli clarified upon the headmasters to carry their views on punishment, and he implied that, if need be, he would correct or qualify the circular in line with majority opinion.

Eliezer Hatamitz, a retired headmaster, added a comic touch to the proceedings when he accused most of the headmasters of doing "verbal violence" to the Hebrew language, especially to *tav habibbur* (con-junctive tav).

ZIONISTS have been trying for three decades to assess the aliya potential in the Free World. Pre-1948 prognostications of the drawing powers of a Jewish State proved over-optimistic. The expected flood was little more than a stream and often a mere trickle.

Many difficult and unanticipated realities intervened, which meant that a constant struggle has had to be waged to nurture this aliya.

Sociologists have analyzed aliya motivation in terms of "push" and "pull" — the "push" being the political, social, or economic forces — that lead to a decision to leave the country of origin, while the "pull" represents the attractions that Israel holds out. Attempts have been made to analyze various categories of olim in terms of the push-pull proportions.

A recent issue of the London "Jewish Chronicle" contains an enlightening article by an aliya emissary, David Cymerman, who has been in Britain for the past two years, on the present problems of aliya from that country. More than 30,000 Jews of British origin are living in Israel. A few hundred a year came until 1967, when the figure jumped to more than 1,000 annually. There was a drop in 1971-74, but the

numbers have since risen steadily.

About two thirds of those olim are under 30 — single or in most instances, married and with one child. Ten per cent came to Israel to retire, and are generally fairly affluent.

About 75 per cent are members of family units who came to Israel as a unit. The number of single olim is evenly divided between male and female. About one third claim to be religious. Less than five per cent were members of any Zionist organization (indicating that aliya is not a function of formal Zionist affiliation).

THE "PUSH" factors cited most frequently concern fear for the future of the Jewishness of the children. Similar fears are expressed about the long-term survival of the Jewish community in the face of growing assimilation, poor Jewish education, the lack of a satisfactory Jewish cultural environment.

There are factors that are not

Analyzing aliya

JEWISH SCENE Geoffrey Wigoder

specifically Jewish. These include political and economic difficulties that are seen as direct threats to the Jewish community.

Many Jews are simply dissatisfied with Britain and say that even if there were no Israel, they would still leave.

Another factor, not mentioned by Cymerman, is anti-Semitism. I myself have met here olim from Britain who give anti-Semitism — especially as experienced by their children — as the reason for their aliya.

The "pull" reasons include the full Jewish life to be lived in Israel and the religious motivations. Specifically, people refer to the freedom to walk in the streets wearing a

skulcap without feeling defensive; being a full partner in the building of the land and nation; and even the possibility of supporting a Jewish national football team.

Some of the people interviewed spoke of more personal reasons: career frustration, business failure, marital problems, search for a husband or wife.

Of those who have gone on aliya, only about eight per cent have returned.

THEN THERE is the question of why some people decide against aliya (the British Zionist Federation's Aliya Department receives 5,000 requests a year). Here people speak of the "pull" of material comforts, in Britain, and the "push" of the negative features of life in Israel: inflation, insecurity, heat and noise.

Cymerman feels that olim leave Britain more from disillusionment

with their country of origin. The experience is that they are slightly critical of the Anglo-Jewish community. They speak scathingly about the rampant assimilationism of the community in general and of its leaders in particular. They complain of oligarchies retaining control of communal affairs and of the self-perpetuating Establishment, offering little scope for those who are not insiders.

They complain of the content of communal life, with its emphasis on entertainment and its neglect of "high" culture.

Many in the 18-30 age group, who should be the future leaders, feel they cannot make an impression on the Establishment.

In general, the olim feel that the community is on the decline and that the leaders or their ideas should be replaced. They say that no adequate mechanism has been created to ensure a constant infusion of new ideas and new faces. As a result, British Jewry is in a rut.

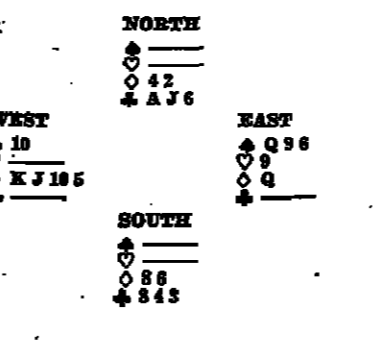
Cymerman feels that never have so many people left Britain expressing such bitter criticism.

Like jaws of a crocodile

BRIDGE George Levinrew

VON GYZE of Germany, when he played West in today's deal from the match against France at the European Bridge Championships, opened his jaws like a crocodile.

He was not fearing the diamonds, a diamond was led to the ace on the second trick, with both opponents playing small. It might have been wiser for West to have signalled with the 10. Declarer then won two club tricks, one trick and three heart tricks reaching this end position with the lead in the South hand.



Declarer led a small diamond. With the West hand what would you play? Would you, as von Gynz did, open your jaws like a crocodile and play the king? If he had played low East would have been forced to win and would have given declarer a sluff and a ruff to make his contract. East might have saved his partner from the guess of the open jaws play if he had gotten rid of his diamond queen. He could have done this by playing it on the second trick or discarding it on a club. The latter might have been obvious if West had signalled with the 10 on the first diamond play. Would you have thus played the queen?

(Information provided by the International Bridge Press Association.)

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

- 4 His underwear is childish (6)
7 A mound only 12 inches high? (8)
8 Engraver how one drove madly for nothing (8)
10 Alias Elsie (5)
12 The way to Israel (4)
14 It's too to break a pane (4)
15 They grow naturally like furze (4)
16 Mow gets a kiss at once (3)
17 Dusk pen easy to escape from (4)
19 When you box, spring to the right (4)
21 Charismatic but sadly bereft (4, 2, 3)
23 Member of Christy's family? (4)
24 It's bed for a girl to get cut legs (4)
25 Now leg fitting (3)
27 Fished out a maid (4)
28 Outstanding means of making debtors' notes seen spurious (4)
32 Ripe for redevelopment at the seaside (4)
33 Dramatic utterance to a lover (4)
34 Over my 27 (4)
35 Roosevelt took the American flag out (8)
36 Big brother, possibly? (6)

EASY PUZZLE

- 4 Artistic dance (6)
7 Memory-jogger (3)
8 Surles (6)
10 Young horses (5)
13 Leg joint (4)
14 Cabbage (4)
15 Knobs (4)
16 Grow older (3)
17 Noote (4)
18 Fork prong (4)
21 Treason (6)
23 Compass point (4)
24 Conceal (4)
25 Automobile (3)
27 Those who (4)
28 Nearest (4)
29 Slings (4)
32 Not once (5)
34 River animals (6)
35 Intended (8)
36 Horse restraint (4)



Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS—1. Repair, 7. Elephant, 8. Once, 10. Brutal, 11. Career, 14. Rid, 16. Yards, 17. Ruse, 18. Ripper, 21. Arred, 22. Timber, 23. Awe'd, 26. Tense, 28. Ale, 29. Ardent, 30. Widow, 31. Idol, 32. Rebelled, 33. Excuse.
DOWN—1. Rubber, 2. Auntie, 3. Reel, 4. Ours, 5. Paper, 6. Stars, 8. Sprayed, 9. Cad, 12. Roan, 13. Scar, 15. Firms, 19. Used, 20. Use, 23. Alloit, 24. Well, 25. Dawdle, 26. Tarry, 27. Adult, 28. Sitter, 29. Spacecraft, 29. Down, 32. Go, 34. F-red.

After the big strike and the loss of Iran... Zim surges ahead worldwide

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim is recovering the ground it lost in the crippling seamen's strike early last year and gradually regaining the confidence of its old customers, general manager Yehuda Rotem said Monday. "We are gaining new markets, mainly in the Western hemisphere and in the Far East, which more than make up for the loss of Iran. I think that by the end of this year we will exceed our \$600m. turnover forecast," he added.

Surveying the national shipping company's operations at a press briefing, Rotem said that it took special efforts to win back dismayed customers whose cargoes had been held up aboard strike-bound ships. "It was not easy. One measure which helped was to step up the frequency of our container ship lines around the world from one sailing a fortnight to one every ten days. We also went to pains to demonstrate that we were as dependable as in the past."

For that purpose Zim chartered three large container ships for one- or two-year periods. The company also ordered two new ones to be built

in Holland, to take the place of the chartered when their contracts ran out.

During the big strike Zim sold off 12 old freight ships. After the strike it bought nine new ones at a time when shipyard rates for new tonnage were still relatively low. Construction prices have risen further since then.

"We owe much of our recovery to the fact that ours is a world-wide operation, and that we can take advantage of market opportunities. World shipping is now looking up. This year only three per cent of the total tonnage is idle, mostly oil tankers, compared to eight per cent last year," Rotem stressed.

The most serious handicap to improving the finances of the shipping industry was the increase in fuel prices, the Zim manager said. "For us the annual bill nearly doubled, from \$60m. last year to \$110m. this year. That is more than the company can absorb, though we are saving fuel by having ships sail at the most economical speeds and by improving engine performance. But the bulk of the extra cost had to be passed on through higher freight charges," he explained.

Rotem said that any possible trade

with Egypt would not call for major investments. A feeder line could link that trade with Zim's world-wide services when the volume of freight justified such a step. Similarly, it was still too early to plan proposed coal imports for electric power generation two to three years away.

Prospects were slim for Zim gaining a share in the freight business for the construction of the military installations in the Negev, since U.S. law gave American flag ships preference in the transport of goods paid for out of U.S. government grants.

Zim had set up a special administrative section for the management of containers, after it found them to be an expensive item, costing the company \$30m. this year. "Half of the 60,000 container units we use are leased, the other half is owned by us. We're going to expand ownership, because that's more economical," Rotem said.

Asked how Zim finances the purchase of new ships, Rotem said foreign shipyards and banks granted buyers long-term credit on good terms, a reason why most ships were ordered abroad and not here. "We get no loans whatsoever from our government," he stressed.

Development & Mortgage Bank had IL34.5m. half-year profit

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Development and Mortgage Bank has just announced its semi-annual results for the period ending June 30, 1979, showing a balance sheet total of IL8.6b. The increase of IL2.7b. reflected a rise of 76 per cent over last year. This is a real gain of 11 per cent when the rise in the cost-of-living index during the same period is taken into consideration.

The loan portfolio kept pace with the rise in the balance sheet and advanced by 75 per cent to IL7.5b.

The bank's capital funds and surplus grew by IL1.01m., to IL2.31m. which represents a gain of 78 per cent. Most of the advance is attributable to a new financing issue of shares, debentures and options, which was floated in July 1978.

Outstanding convertible debentures and option warrants grew by IL32.3m., to IL41.5m., a jump of 214 per cent. The sum total of other debentures outstanding was IL4.5b. and showed a growth of 76 per cent. Treasury deposits and deposits for

extending loans grew by IL692m. to IL1.7b., a gain of 69 per cent.

The six-month net after-tax profit was IL4.4m., compared with IL1.7m. for the comparable period a year ago. The gain in profits was 93 per cent.

This year the bank distributed from profits a 12 per cent interim cash dividend. For the whole of the 1978 fiscal year the bank paid a total of 22 per cent in cash dividends.

The net earnings per share, fully diluted and calculated on the assumption of complete conversion of convertible bonds and the full utilization of options and adjusted for the bonus shares extended the previous year, came to IL0.46. This compares with IL0.35 per each IL1 share last year. The EPS is figured on an annual basis.

K. Reich, the bank's general manager, has been a forceful opponent of linked mortgages. In the past he has provided *The Jerusalem Post* with calculations which have shown that the average mortgage holder will not be able to meet the terms of the mortgage in its final period.

Opec to operate own news agency

VIENNA (UPI) — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) said yesterday it will set up its own news agency "to rectify distorted reports about oil in the international news media."

Opec secretary-general Rene Ortis of Ecuador said the Opec news agency is not meant as a competition to the big international news agencies. "It is aimed at supplementing news about oil from Opec's point of view. It will enable us to clarify and rectify distorted reports about oil published in international news media."

Ortis spoke to information experts of the 13 Opec member countries who convened here Monday to discuss the establishment of an Opec news agency and other subjects concerning the organization's public relations activities.

An Opec spokesman said the news agency will start operations next year, with its centre based most likely at the organization's headquarters in Vienna. "However, there will be a strict separation between the news agency and the public relations department at the Vienna headquarters," he said.

Legendary financier, Andre Meyer, at 81

NEW YORK (UPI) — Andre Meyer, a legendary figure in international finance and for 33 years chairman of Lazard Freres, one of the world's foremost investment banks, died in Lausanne last Sunday at the age of 81. According to spokesman of the bank he was to be buried yesterday in Paris, the city where he was born.

Meyer's fame rested on the scope and influence of his financial dealings and his many philanthropic activities in the U.S. and elsewhere. His personal fortune was estimated at between \$250m. and \$500m.

Changes at the top in Finance Ministry

Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Ehrlich is to ask the head of the Government Corporations Authority, Ephraim Yermans, for his resignation shortly, and a replacement is expected in the next few days. Yermans presided over plans to sell government companies off to the private sector without striking success.

Ehrlich has appointed his economic adviser, Ephraim Dovrat, head of the ministry's anti-Arab boycott office in place of Dan Halperin, who has taken up the post of economic attache in Israel's Washington embassy.

El Al starts new line to Cologne

By Baruch Saville
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al plans to extend its flights to Germany with the signing this month of a new aviation agreement, permitting El Al to operate to Cologne in addition to Frankfurt and Munich.

Sources in El Al told *The Post* that Cologne would mainly be used as a second airfreight base, (after Frankfurt) for the line's European and U.S. cargo flights.

The move comes in the wake of growing differences between Dutch aviation authorities and Israel, following Israel's refusal to grant

KLM an additional (8th) weekly flight on the Amsterdam-Tel Aviv route.

The Dutch authorities have already declared that as of October 1, El Al's 747s would not be permitted to land at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport as a reprisal for KLM not receiving its additional flight to Tel Aviv.

EXODUS. — Some 330,000 Israelis went abroad for various purposes in the first eight months of the year — a rise of 19 per cent over the 278,800 Israelis who went abroad during the same period last year.

Equity in granting tax exemption on severance pay

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The latest proposals by Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich on increasing the amount of tax-free severance pay wage earners can receive increases the discrimination between such wage earners and other sectors of the working population, Israel Strauss, president of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He added that the Likud's election platform contained a specific promise that such discrimination would be eliminated, yet the present proposal widens the gap.

Strauss noted that at present a wage earner had income tax exemption on a maximum of IL2,100 for each year worked. Ehrlich has proposed raising this ceiling to IL28,000. Thus, an employee discharged from work will only have to pay income taxes on the amount above IL25,000 which he will receive for each year he has worked.

Strauss suggested that the new tax ceiling of three other groups of breadwinners, past and present, also be increased. This step, he claimed, which would not eliminate the present discrimination (since wage earners could enjoy both the benefits of severance pay and of a provident fund, while the others could only have provident funds), would merely restore the status quo.

The first group was pensioners. Today, they did not have to pay taxes on the first 30 per cent of their pensions, up to a ceiling of IL2,500 a month. That is to say, the maximum income-tax exemption was IL4,750 a month.

He believed that the ceiling here should be raised, in order to maintain the existing ratio between them and the wage earners, to approximately IL17,500 a month, or to allow them to receive IL5,250 a month free of tax.

The second group was salaried persons who worked for firms in which they owned at least five per cent of the stock. At present, their employers can put away only IL2,100 a year in a tax-free provident fund. Strauss wanted to raise the tax-free limit here to IL28,000, the same as with ordinary employees.

The third group was the self-employed, such as lawyers, accountants, engineers and doctors. At present, they could put away in a tax-free provident fund only seven per cent of their income, up to a maximum of IL75,000 a year, (approximately IL6,000 a month) for a total of IL2,250 a year. The ceiling here should also be raised to a basic IL28,000 a month.

Strauss stressed that wage-earners also enjoyed another benefit (as already mentioned), which did not apply to either of the other three groups. Their employers could put away five per cent of workers' salaries in a provident fund, and receive this back at retirement, without paying tax.

"If we make a simple comparison," Strauss said, "we can see that a wage earner, such as a prosecutor in the civil services, can earn IL48,000 a month. Not only can he receive severance pay of IL28,000 a month tax-free for each year he has worked, but he can also receive IL28,800 a year tax-free upon retirement from the five per cent his employer has put away in a provident fund. The same lawyer, in private practice, will only be able to receive IL2,250 a month tax-free, when he retires."

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Bank Leumi workers may imitate Discount staffers in strike action

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A labour dispute is brewing in the Bank Leumi network, and apparently a warning-strike will be held soon, perhaps at the end of this week. After this warning the workers may decide to hold a series of "minor" strikes, by closing down a dozen or so of the bank's 270 branches for a day.

(This is the pattern established a few weeks ago by the workers of Bank Discount, whose labour dispute is continuing.)

Dr. Zalman Segal, assistant to the chairman of the Leumi board, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that a meeting between management and labour representatives on Monday "blew up without any results being reached, and without a date being set for another meeting. It appears that we are embarking on a drawn-out labour dispute."

Dr. Segal said that the workers committee had demanded an average 100 per cent wage increase, plus cost-of-living allowances, gradual wage increases within each grade, plus promotions from one

grade to another. "These are conditions we cannot meet," he said.

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Banks balk at higher employers tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Association of Banks has decided to protest the finance ministry's intention of increasing the employers tax on banks. Dr. Zalman Segal, assistant to the board chairman of Bank Leumi, yesterday said that "in fact we have not been informed of the amount of the increase, only that the ministry is planning to raise it."

He pointed out that at present the banks pay the highest possible taxes in the country, 102 per cent (one hundred and two per cent) of profits. Asked how this was possible, he pointed out that the government taxed the banks not only on their "real" profits, but also on their inflationary profits (which existed only on paper).

"We are forced to eat up our capital due to this practice," he said.

He claimed that the "distinction" between the productive sector, which will be exempt from this employers tax, and the services, which were to face a higher employers tax, was "old-fashioned and arbitrary."

"Services are just as much a part of the productive economy as are factories working for export," he said. The banks, for example, played a vital role in financing exports, he added.

Moreover, the banks have attracted huge quantities of foreign currency from private depositors abroad (taxes are not deducted on these private foreign currency accounts at source, and it is up to the conscience of the depositors to pay income taxes in their home countries). These deposits earn the country considerable sums.

"Thus, we are just as much an export service as El Al or tourism," he said, adding that he did not see why this specific bank service should not benefit from subsidies.

Guide for the perplexed on all phases of exporting

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 280-page guide to help the bewildered exporter survive the numerous "Made in Israel" obstacles created by the local authorities in the "export jungle" has just been published by the Deken Academic Press.

The book, which is being issued under the sponsorship of the Export Institute and Bank Hapoalim, was written by Haim Shachak, who also runs an export business.

Some 2,000 copies of the book, which sells for IL194, have been printed.

Shachak described the book as a "comprehensive guide" to all phases of exporting. He added that it would prove just as valuable to veteran exporters, since it contained all the latest information as it would to fledgling exporters who were trying to navigate the sea of rules and regulations.

He believed that most of the difficulties placed in the path of exporters were due to several main factors: The clerks who manned the customs department were simply not "alert" to the "export responsibilities" placed upon them, and did little to help expedite exports.

"How else can you explain the fact that a container of furniture shipped from Ashdod to England was removed from the ship at Haifa, without any reason, left on the dock for one month until the sun had destroyed the furniture's finish, and then shipped to England?"

Shachak also believed that the senior officials who dealt with exports "were more classroom theoreticians than men of the business world, and did not know how to tackle real problems."

He went on to say that many of them were graduates of university

departments of economics, and "in my opinion, you don't have to have even an average I.Q. (intelligence quotient) to get a degree in economics."

He said that the government gave out IL4b. in tax credits to importers of raw materials for re-export. There were numerous loopholes in this arrangement, which unscrupulous manufacturers, who worked both for export and for the local market, could exploit. He was convinced that many did. But even honest manufacturers became so bogged down in paper work trying to put in a claim for the return of taxes, that they "simply gave up in disgust."

"I know of one manufacturer who told me that he prefers to sell on the local market rather than trying to fight the bureaucratic set-up connected with exporting, and I'm sure his products would do well abroad."

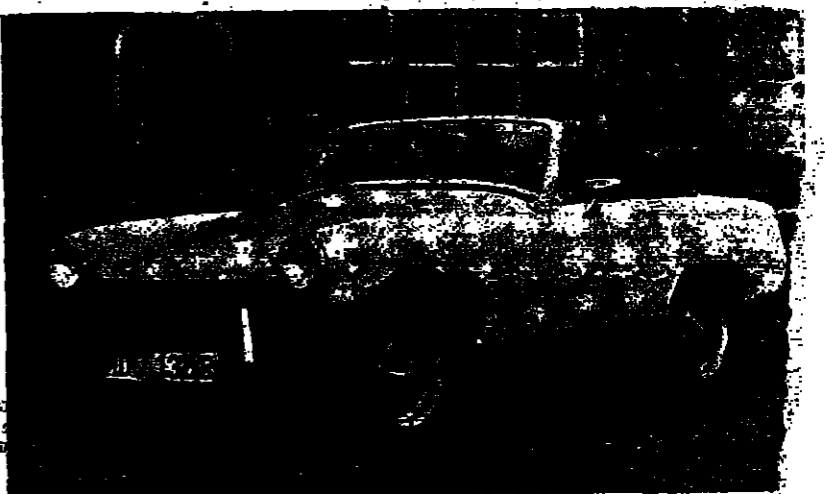
Shachak also noted that the authorities in Haifa and Ashdod port "put different interpretations on the same regulations, and thus many exporters would prefer one port over the other."

His solution to the "entire mess" was "to simplify the export process to the utmost." This should include the unification of the managements of two bodies which arranged for credits and for financing exports, he said.

Ideally, we should have "zero custom duties" on raw materials entering the country. This would ease the tremendous burden on those who imported raw materials for exports; and also for those who imported raw materials to sell on the local market.

He also suggested that the sales (or other) taxes, such as VAT, be raised sufficiently to cover the loss due to the elimination of customs at the ports.

Battle to keep the famous MG sports car, on the road



LONDON (Reuter) — Fired by half a century of memories of a blonde at their side and the wind whipping through their hair, sports-car fans went into a million-dollar battle yesterday to prevent the demise of one of the best-known British automobiles.

Known simply as the MG, the current model of the once-nobly, bucket-seated, open sports car is among the vehicles they fear could face the axe under economy measures announced this week by British Leyland, Britain's ailing motor giant.

But the 11,000-member MG owners' club has sent a telegram to EL chief Sir Michael Edwards offering up to £500,000 (\$1.25m.) a year to keep the car in production at the company's plant at Abingdon in the Midlands.

"We are not just talking about nostalgia, but profitability as well," said club secretary Roche Bentley. "It would be a tremendous shame to see it go."

Leyland has indicated the MG marque would be retained and some reports said the famous badge would appear on a new saloon model to be produced jointly by Leyland and

Honda of Japan.

But this would be unlikely to satisfy MG-lovers, who have always regarded the car as a status symbol to be savoured. In the U.S., the New York Times mourned the passing of the MG, which it called "probably the best-known British automobile next to the Rolls-Royce."

The initials MG stand for Morris Garages, the company with which William Morris built up his motor empire early in the century.

The original MG was a high-tuned version of the company's family car and in the twenties and thirties it virtually became a dream possession for every prosperous young man who wanted to impress his girl friend.

MG went racing at the famous Brooklands Circuit and its distinctive shape lasted through World War II and until 1956, when the low and rounded MGA appeared.

Meanwhile, Leyland was planning to send letters to the 165,000 workforce, saying it wants to hold discussions before final decisions are taken over moves which include the axing of 20,000 jobs and the axing of production of several models at 15 of the company's plants.

Notice to Consumers of The Israel Electric Corporation

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Shares continue to slide, bonds unchanged

TEL AVIV. — The equity market continued to slide yesterday as losses broadened and included most sectors. The commercial banks were the only exception, recording small gains.

The index-linked bond market did not benefit from funds which are apparently being withdrawn after share positions have been closed out. The index-linked bond market was mainly unchanged as price movements were generally within a range of 1 per cent, in either direction.

The Israeli pound took it on the chin yesterday as it fell by no less than 19 agram against the U.S. dollar. The movement of the pound could very well presage an inordinately high cost-of-living index figure for August.

Among commercial banks IDB, General Bank and Union Bank each tacked on two points. Leumi, Hapoalim, Mizrahi and PFI advanced by one point each.

Mortgage bank issues were none the worse as a mixed trend developed.

Stocks & bonds — the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

Merav did not trade yesterday as the mortgage institution announced an earnings gain, for the year ending on June 30, of 114 per cent. The bank also announced an interim cash dividend of 7 per cent and bonus shares of 30 per cent.

Tefahot preferred shares were ahead by more than 4 per cent, but Shilton declined by more than 5 per cent.

Insurance shares had a difficult session marked by selling pressure and falling prices. Hasmeh (b) was down by 6 per cent. Phoenix ILL dropped 7 per cent, Bahar (r).

Zur and Securitas were the big losers in the group with losses of 9 per cent each and Ararat were the only ones to show gains. The former was ahead by 5 per cent while the latter's ILLI shares were 7 per cent to the good.

Motor House was down by 30 to an even 600. Land development and real estate shares performed poorly. The Azorim convertibles were down by 6.7 per cent though the shares were less than 3 per cent lower. Losses of 2-3 per cent were visible throughout the group. However, Solel Boneh, on a turnover of only ILL600, was up by 64 points.

Industrials were sharply lower with losses of 5-7 per cent among some high quality shares. Polgat was down by 5 per cent, Izral Petrochemicals by 5.1 per cent, Lodzia ILLI by 5.7 per cent, Arad by 5.8 per cent, Argaman pref. (b) by 5 per cent, Electra ILLI by 5.8 per cent and Fertilizers by 6.1 per cent.

Elgar (r) was a 6.3 per cent loser in the investment company group. Cial Industries was seven per cent lower, but Cial Investments rose by 15 points to 625.

Table of stock prices with columns for Closing price, Volume, and Change. Includes various companies like Elgar, Zur, Securitas, etc.

Representative New York Stock Exchange

Table of representative New York Stock Exchange bond prices and closing prices for Sept. 11. Includes Dow Jones Industrial Average and various stock prices.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Large table of closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange for September 11, 1979. Lists various stocks and their prices.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates — Sept. 11

Table of foreign exchange rates for various currencies including U.S. dollar, German mark, French franc, etc.

Inflation, not oil crisis, is danger to world, UN warns

GENEVA (AP). — The sluggish global economy will get even worse, unless governments make the war on rising prices their primary economic goal, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) warned this week.

Australia could rival Saudi Arabia in energy resources, study shows

MELBOURNE (AP). — Australia is the future Saudi Arabia of the world because of its vast supplies of alternative fuel, the general manager of General Motors-Holden, Australia, said Monday.

Despite profit-taking gold continues its upward move

LONDON (Reuters). — The price of gold continued to rise on world markets yesterday amid warnings that profit-taking by speculators might push it sharply down again.

Table of interbank London spot rates for various currencies like U.S. dollar, Swiss franc, etc.

Viewing the challenge of the coming decade against this background, one is drawn to the conclusion that any policy which does not have price stability as its primary objective is fraught with fearful risks.

New rail line to link Kiryat Gat to Ashkelon

JERUSALEM Post Reporter. — Construction began yesterday on a new stretch of railway linking Kiryat Gat to Ashkelon, Israel Railways spokesman David Guy announced.

Those pretty Krugerrands...

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Likud MK Yigal Cohen-Orgad tells Post Political Correspondent MARK SEGAL about the implications of continued mismanagement of the economy.

Likud's in-house economic critic



Piecemeal changes won't help. We have to open up an entirely new page in the government's performance, and for that we need a new finance minister...

Cohen-Orgad sees in such a proposal the result of muddled Liberal economic thinking...

COHEN-ORGAD has only regrets — and no sense of satisfaction — that his forecast during the June Likud debate on the budget estimates have been proved correct...

Inflation can be curbed, he says, if public spending is cut by at least 3 per cent...

One might have thought that after two years of government we would be able to show that we can manage in this sphere...

EMERGING FROM Cohen-Orgad's words is a deep disappointment that his party had so far failed in its commitment to streamline public administration...

Dry Bones



and Social Welfare Ministries left intact despite the merger into the Social Betterment and Labour Ministry.

The spending of public money can be reduced by postponing the completion of the new highways connecting Jerusalem to the coastal plain.

COHEN-ORGAD still bears traces of Herut's original sin — rebellion against the leader. That was back in 1966 when he joined Shmuel Tamir's palace revolt.

He took as a compliment Shimon Peres' description of him as "one of our most dangerous adversaries."

Cohen-Orgad — Polish born and a Hebrew University graduate — remains sceptical about the peace treaty within the area of building up coexistence in return for Israel's considerable concessions.

threats to Israel's security once the airfields are evacuated in 1981.

"God forbid that we should even contemplate asking the U.S. to deliver on its commitment to provide us with oil from its reserves."

Even those who have absolute faith in President Anwar Sadat's goodwill should press for a permanent oil-supply arrangement with Egypt.

Cohen-Orgad recently returned from a State Department-sponsored three-week study tour of the U.S. He travelled from Washington to the Texas oil rigs, having access to officials at various levels of the U.S. policy-making machinery.

"I found a mass of wishful thinking in the State Department. Over at the Pentagon, I discerned a much more balanced perception of the situation here."

THE JERUSALEM POST. An Rath Editor and Managing Director. Founded in 1932 by the late GERSHON AGRON...

Ottawa and Jerusalem

JERUSALEM is the immediate reason for the arrival here Monday, on the first leg of a long Middle Eastern tour...

Mr. Stanfield's mandate was originally reported to be, first and foremost, to examine ways and means of implementing the Canadian Government's policy on Jerusalem.

That policy, enunciated by Mr. Clark shortly after his election victory last May, was to have the Canadian embassy moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

What neither Mr. Clark nor Ms. MacDonald foresaw was the ferocity of Arab (including, for once, Egyptian) reaction to the purported move.

Although it concerned only Western Jerusalem, which should be regarded as Israeli territory even by those who insist on Israeli withdrawal from "all the" occupied territories...

In any case it represented a change in the political status quo, to their detriment, and they wanted it reversed.

According to reports from Ottawa, Arab displeasure with the new Canadian policy was swiftly registered, as business negotiations with Canadian firms were artificially snaggled...

It was at this point that Mr. Clark confessed to error, and, in the manner of politicians, sought haven in the appointment of Mr. Stanfield to study the subject.

There is therefore the possibility that Mr. Stanfield will ultimately suggest a freeze on the Canadian embassy's transfer to Jerusalem.

It goes without saying that, as a matter of principle, all foreign legations should be located in the country's capital city.

Yet Israel is also mindful of Canada's long friendship which dates back to 1948, if not earlier. Canada's place is rarely absent among that small group of states that refuse to turn thumbs down on Israel in international forums even when that is fashionable.

If personal sympathies are any indication, Israel may be said to have in Flora MacDonald perhaps the most understanding cabinet minister anywhere.

Amity with Israel has not meant for Canada, over the years, trouble with the Arabs. As a disinterested supplier, not of arms but of good offices...

Lately, as Canada's need for Arab oil has increased, and the prospects for commercial expansion in the oil states have brightened, the Arabs have acquired a political clout over Ottawa which they are obviously not loth to use.

But Mr. Stanfield, and through him Mr. Clark, despite any such pressures will hopefully reassert the historic policy of Canada which has enabled Ottawa to play its constructive role in the Middle East.

IF THE LIKUD government is to regain public confidence, Prime Minister Menachem Begin must sack his Finance Minister, Simcha Ehrlich.

For if the government is to restore its credibility, it will have to institute drastic economic reforms — and such measures will require qualities that are lacking in Ehrlich: consistency and leadership.

So says Yigal Cohen-Orgad, MK, who has progressed from being Herut's economic whiz-kid to Begin's unofficial economic adviser.

The 42-year-old Likud whip on the Knesset Finance Committee discovered that midway through Likud's term of office, many of his gravest predictions of Liberal economic mismanagement had come to pass.

Does Cohen-Orgad consider himself a potential replacement for Ehrlich? He readily sidesteps the question: "I do not think I am quite ready for such a job as yet."

Is he not Begin's unofficial economic adviser? "No, but I have had some discussions with him, especially on the subsidy cut proposals. We considered this matter at length and it was my purpose to prevent harm coming to the weaker strata of the community."

Is Begin aware of the economic situation? "Premier Begin most certainly sees what is happening and he is very anxious about things. He is most decidedly aware of the need for change. Don't get me wrong, he does not pretend to be an economist. But given the proper information, the prime minister shows a remarkable grasp of the essentials and is given to persuasion, altering his position if necessary."

At the recent Likud Knesset faction meeting, Cohen-Orgad urged all Likud ministers to offer their resignation, thus enabling Begin to reshuffle the cabinet. The Likud had little time left to rectify Ehrlich's mistakes and restore public confidence: "Piecemeal changes won't help. We have to open up an entirely new page in the government's performance, and for that we need a new finance minister."

COHEN-ORGAD is not anxious about the likely internal political ramifications of such a move — there is wide support for a reshuffle within the Likud, and Begin's immense personal support in all sections of the coalition would allow him to push through any changes he thought necessary.

The longer Begin waits the more radical the measures will have to be. Events are pressing, he declares, "and what is quite clear is that people will have to work harder in order to maintain their present income and living standards."

At the same time, the advocate of conservative economic policies wants to avoid the continuation of the present situation "where anyone who works hard feels like the village idiot."

Like the IEC? He would not have picked the IEC staff for starters, but now that they had taken the country by the throat, the government should make an example of them.

COHEN-ORGAD is contemptuous of press reports that the Treasury is discussing the possibility of seeking more aid from Washington: "It's utterly absurd to contemplate such an idea."

READERS' LETTERS

GOLDMANN'S TREACHERY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Avraham Katz' threat to cut off relations with organizations in which Nahum Goldmann serves in a senior capacity is too little and too late.

I once asked the late Louis Pincus (who knew Goldmann for what he is) why the WZO continued to provide major support for the WJC of which Goldmann was still president...

DISTORTING THE NEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I heard a piece of news on Israeli shortwave radio which concerns with something I have noticed recently.

These and other surveys all make the same point: TV, in large doses, especially violent TV, is damaging to young people.

VENDA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to your article of August 26, "State for Vendas."

oppression, the Venda Independence People's Party (VIPP) has 32 seats in the assembly. Venda is an integral part of the Southern Africa economic region.

POSTSCRIPTS

A YOUNG lady from Jerusalem writes to tell us about what happened to her and her friends recently during a visit to Ein Faahka, on the Dead Sea.

"On repeating this to a friend who also frequents the spot, I was informed that this had also happened to her. We are shocked that Jews can behave this way.

CREIGHTON University researchers say they have discovered an organic chemical compound which apparently improves memory and intellectual performance that normally deteriorate with aging.

In a clinical study at Creighton, Hanel said, 88 college students performed better on intellectual tasks when they were given the compound, which he described as similar to an amino acid.

In another study published in 1978, researchers compared the compound's effects on performance of college students with that of persons who were over 80.

"The older group showed a 180 to 140 per cent improvement in memory than the college students," he said.

"He said the effect of the compound lasted about seven hours, and added that even after the effect faded, memory was better."

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